

LOCAL ALUMNI OF STATE UNIVERSITY TO ORGANIZE

To Take Preliminary Steps at Big Banquet at the Hughes Hotel.

About Sixty Graduates Are Now Residents of This County.

Plans are under way for the organization of the University of California alumni now residing in this county. The preliminary steps for such an organization will be taken at a banquet to be given at the Hughes hotel next Saturday noon. While this idea has been under discussion for some time, this is the first time any definite action has been taken.

Committees and possibly temporary officers will be named at the Saturday meeting. A list of those graduates who have been located up to the present time has been secured and in addition to this all others who have graduated from the university are invited to attend. The list follows:

Allen, Ralph, D.D.S., '02.
Baird, Mary Wilson, 136 Van Ness avenue, '04.
Burnwell David, '02.
Reck, Violet, '02, R. D. No. 4.
Boyd, Helen, 2221 Merced St., '06.
Brown, Alfred, Fresno Land Co., '06.
Brown, Daniel, Jr., L. B. '04.
Hargis, John H., S. J. & P. Co., '03.
Conolly, John, M. D., '06.

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Curran, Choute, 11, 662 K St., '03.
Curran, Mrs. H. J., 662 K St., '03.
Dwelle, Harold, '07.
Edwards, Clarence, Lowell school, '01.
Fenster, Burton, '06.
Gaines, Mrs. Gagner White, '05.
Goodfellow, A. W., Sequoia Club, '02.
Gray, DeWitt, '05.
Howard, Oliver, D. D. S., '01.
Jones, George, L. L. D., '05.
Markley, L., '02.
Meux, John, '02.
Minard, Jeanette, 311 Abby, '06.
Nishkian, Leon, '06, R. P. D. No. 6.
Olney, A. C., '06.
Ritche, H. Thompson, R. 302, '07.
Ryan, James, '02.
St. John, Eunice, R. P. D. No. 2, '04.
Schaeffer, Maud, 1733 K St., '04.
Stratner, Walter, '03.
Thomas, Montgomery, D. D. S., '06.
116, Mrs. Agnes Thomas, '07.
Walker, B. O., '02.
Warner, Albert O., '06.
Williamson, Thos., R. D. No. 6, '04.
Wohart, R. E., teacher in Jackson school, '05.
Feters, Louise Marie, '01.
Smith, A., '01.
Freeman, G. C., L. L. B.

AT CLOVIS.
Monce, Mary A., '02.
Parker, Florence E. (Mrs. E. W. Williams), '07.
Parker, Geo. Allen, '07.
AT KERNAN.
Barber, Leland N., '05.
AT KINGSBURG.
Peterson, Box 27, '05.
AT LATON.
Walker, John M., '03.
AT OLEANDER.
Arnold, Mary Josephine, '08.
Thompson, M. Merwin, '06.
AT SANGER.
Hart, Edward E., D. D. S., '04.
Moody, B. O., '02.
Pressley, J. R. M. D., '02.
AT SELMA.
Hoak, Charlotte M., '06.
Kimberlin, Ernest M., '03.
AT WHEATVILLE.
Francis, Mary C., '06.

ORDERS POLES FOR NEW POWER LINE

Manager Withon Returns from San Francisco Says Work Will Commence Soon as Possible.

A. G. Withon, manager of the San Joaquin Light and Power Company, returned at an early hour yesterday morning from San Francisco. While in the north Withon placed orders for materials for the proposed power line from Lemoore to Coalinga. Sufficient poles to start the new line were ordered and these are now being shipped to the all fields.

Mr. Withon stated yesterday that the order for the poles was placed last Tuesday and the workmen began loading the cars the next day. All the other necessary materials have been ordered and it is hoped to commence active work on the power line within thirty days.

GAMBLERS GIVEN TIME TO PLEAD

Police Judge Briggs yesterday continued the arraignment of the five gamblers arrested in Wednesday evening's raid until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The defendants, who are out on \$200 bail each, appeared in court accompanied by their attorney W. D. Crockett. Upon motion of the attorney the men will enter pleas tomorrow morning. Those in court were C. E. Schleicher, Walter Church, Fred Callahan, Chester Crandall and A. T. Comand.

HOLDING LECTURES AT ADVENT CHURCH

J. O. Corlies and W. M. Henley are giving a series of lectures at the Adventist church, corner O and Mariposa streets, on evil and religious liberty, temperance, etc. Meetings are held every morning at 10 o'clock and every evening at 7:30. They will continue up to and including next Sunday evening.

COMTESSE PRESIDENT OF SWISS REPUBLIC

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—Parliament today elected Robert Comtesse president of the confederation for 1910. Marc E. Ruchel was chosen vice president of the federal council in succession to Comtesse, who has held this office during the present year. Ruchel was president of the Swiss confederation in 1905.

INDIAN FAMILY DROWNED.

UNDEAD, Alaska, Dec. 16.—Sho Shau Jim, an Indian medicine man, his mother, his wife, two sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson were drowned yesterday while trying to reach Juneau from their home at Gambier Bay in the canoe. The sea was rough when the family started, but efforts to dislodge the medicine man were in vain, for he insisted that his magic could overrule the wind.

PRINCE IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Crown Prince Frederick William was in an automobile accident early today, but escaped serious injury.

FAIR EXCHANGE

A New Back for an Old One. How it Can Be Done in Fresno.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains about across the region of the kidneys, and again the joints are so lame that you cannot move. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in the condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one. Fresno residents would do well to profit by the following example:

Mrs. Thomas Blyth, section 22, Fowler, Fresno, Cal., says: "I suffered from disordered kidneys for over three years and I had pain in the small of my back and kidneys. Although I tried numerous remedies, I found no relief until my husband procured Doan's Kidney Pills. I felt their beneficial effect after a few doses and within ten days they had worked wonders. The pain was relieved and my kidneys were greatly strengthened. Doan's Kidney Pills never fail to give me relief when I have the slightest public statement I gave in their favor in 1907."

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TWO FIRST PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO P. PIPILICH FOR THE BEST OLIVE OIL. One prize at the EXETER FAIR, one at the DINUBA FAIR. Olive oil in half pints, pints, and upwards. Olives in packages of one gallon upwards to 6, 10 or 25 gallons. For sale by P. PIPILICH, Dubrovnik Ranch, Dinuba.

BLASINGAME HEIR SAYS HE WAS NOT FAIRLY DEALT WITH

Executor May Have to Return a \$5000 Gift By Mother.

Martha Hamparsoomian Is Given Divorce for Mental Cruelty.

All day yesterday Judge Church was engaged in an examination of the final account and report of Alfred H. Blasingame, executor of the estate of his mother, Mary J. Blasingame, who was executor under the will of the estate of husband, J. A. Blasingame, one of the pioneer Fresno stock raisers and sheep men. His death preceded hers by many years.

Never was any accounting rendered in his estate and no distribution was ever had, she continuing the management of the large interests as a trust property practically. When Mrs. Blasingame died, estate matters were in a badly muddled state in so far as records, receipts and documentary evidences of debt are concerned, so that the son, Alfred H., in making up the report as the administrator of his mother as executor of his father's estate had to depend largely upon estimates, memory and information as to rolling rates for pasture and rentals, prices of cattle and sheep.

The hearing before Judge Church was in the nature of a contest by the brother, Anderson A. Blasingame. It was exactly a family contest, and yet there was not that spirit of bitterness that marks such proceedings as these. For the administrator appeared as counsel. Attorneys Cook and Ayen and for the contestant Andersons Cartwright and Strobl.

It would appear that Alfred had always been the favorite son of his mother, and was also the business manager of the affairs of father and mother, while Anderson was the greater favored by his father. At any rate, Anderson's contention was that his mother had treated him unjustly as executor of his father's estate. Alfred H., Lee A. and W. O., claiming for one thing that they have secured control of some 10,000 acres of grazing land for which they are paying about \$125,000, when they should be returning to the estate about twice that much.

Then there is the contest of a claim by Alfred H. from which it appears that he received \$5000 more than his brothers, when their mother gave the boys and a sister each \$10,000. The explanation is given that this \$5000 extra was given Alfred by his mother as a recompense for services rendered in the management of the business during his father's life, paying him about two years after his father's death. This charge, which is supported by a claim regularly presented against it and allowed by the executor.

In the form that it is, it is practically a gift out of the trust estate by the executor, which she was not empowered to make as there has never been a distribution, and it could not have come legally even out of her share, though in fact the will left everything to her. If, therefore, Judge Church rules against this claim, the estates will have to account for \$5000 more for pro rata distribution among the children heirs.

The contest hearing was closed yesterday to be submitted on briefs to be filed as to the authority of the court to order the repayment of this \$5000 into the estate.

An interesting feature of the hearing was the calling as witnesses of men who were born in or have lived in this county for 46 years or more and who in those days, even in the present time, have followed the pursuit of cattle or sheep raising. These were summoned to give testimony with reference to pasture rental rates prices of cattle and sheep and hives and woods during various years covered by the account of the administrator to test the correctness of his charges.

One of the witnesses was Former Sheriff J. P. Collins, who for the witness stand patently and familiarly addressed the sonator from Fresno as "George."

"Uncle Jim," as the venerable former sheriff intimates address him, did not pose as an expert on pasture rates near as in the cattle and sheep business he said he made it his invariable rule when feed went short in the foothills not to drive into the mountains for the "squirrel grass" but to head straight across the plains for the bank of California river between what is now Kernman and the great and where he said he had under grazing leases a tract of 47,000 acres.

"Yes, I leased this land from the bank for 10 cents an acre and sub-leased it to Sample Eddy, Shurt and others for 12 cents an acre," said "Uncle Jim" reflectively, while the lawyers and the assembled sheep men witnesses in the lobby laughed at this stroke of business genius.

GIVEN HER DIVORCE

Judge Church yesterday granted Martha Hamparsoomian from Fresno, to whom she was married in February, 1902, at Bilts in Atlantic Turkey. Cruelty was the charge on which the separation was allowed.

She charged specifically that on the 12th of last month for the sum of \$1000 was filed only on the first of this month, that in the presence of their children he spoke at her, using foul, indecent and abusive language. On that same night she said he awoke her from sleep to charge her with having stolen his money and having refused to give it back, would leave her and in point of fact did desert her after that incident.

The woman also declared that being without money she asked him for enough with which to buy milk for the 18 month infant, but that he absolutely refused her request, saying he was not the father of the child and he was not concerned whether it lived or not.

Generally speaking, Mrs. Hamparsoomian said that her husband is of an irritable and overbearing nature, possessing a violent and uncontrollable temper and moreover a jealous disposition. During their married life, she declared that he became furious and frantic and used fearful language so often that she could not remember the times and occasions of these outbreaks, but they were so frequent and so dangerous and violent when possessed by them that the continuation of the marriage relation with him would permanently impair her health through the great and anxious mental suffering that they subject her to. There are two sons born to the couple, aged 17 and 13 years.

ACCOUNTS MUCH MIXED. Judge Austin yesterday in the taking of testimony and will hear the arguments today in the Redevy case of M. Mathlanian and T. A. Cronka against Brady Jones to recover balance of \$380.85 due in connection with the management of a cattle ranch on the Big Sandy. Jones comes with claim for judgment for \$380.85 to maintain that there has been some loose bookkeeping between them, and while asking for an award in that sum in his favor also demands that the firm's action against him be dismissed.

On his claim, he pleads that the plaintiff has never complied with the law in Section 2466 in ever filing articles of

business co-partnership, that the firm is indebted to him for one month's wages at \$10 and for 26 at \$100, the first month's until he should become familiar with his duties as the firm's manager of the hill ranch and \$100 after he had learned the business which he says he did in one month and continued in employment until April 7, 1909, that the firm had the use of his mare for 2 years at \$1 a day or \$720, that he pastured for the firm 26 colts for 6 months beginning in February last at \$1 a head on his hill ranch, \$150, that it had the use of his horse for two months from August 8, 1908, at \$1 a day, \$300, and that by reason of the attachment served on him to recover the claim sued on he was prevented from delivering 10 tons of beef cattle which he had sold to W. H. Avery, damage \$200, a total of \$1360.

LOUCKS ESTATE CONTEST

Katie R. Glittrap and other respondents have been given further time in preparation and were statement and affidavit on motion for new trial in the contest of C. E. Bluff and wife in the estate of Wallace E. Loucks in which it was held that the child was the survivor of parent in an automobile accident and that therefore the maternal grandparents succeeded to the estate as against the heirs of Loucks, claiming that he was the survivor and that all property belonged therefore to his estate.

READY TO DISTRIBUTE. Augustus Atkinson asks for distribution of the estate of W. H. Atkinson, who died on December, 1908. For distribution is personal property and the W. H. S. S. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of 12-15-21 of 20 acres, valued at \$5000. Distributions as to three-fourths to the petitioner as the widow and one quarter to a son, the other, Charles Henry, aged 22, having assigned his interest to his mother. The final account shows receipts of \$677.75, expenditures \$71, balance \$606.75. Total receipts were \$619 in cash, real and personal property, disbursements including \$5000 real estate and \$182.50 personal property. Mrs. Atkinson has petitioned for guardianship letters over the minor son.

COURT NOTES. John C. Huston asks for distribution of the estate of Joseph H. Huston, who died in San Francisco February, 1908. The petitioner is entitled to everything under the will, namely the improved premises described as lot 23 and the south two-thirds of 34 in block 3 of Haystack's addition to Fresno, 50 feet on Clark street. Publication has been ordered in Schmitz, Hanford and Tulare papers of the petition filed in April, 1907, originally by the board of directors asking for final dissolution of the Selma Irrigation district which has real estate in the country of Fresno, Kings and Tulare.

Judge Austin will take up the further hearing of the Sarah P. Haslam-Frances B. Haslam divorce case tomorrow for the arguments, all testimony being in.

J. POLLARD DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

J. M. Pollard, aged 72 years, passed away at his country home on Kearney avenue yesterday. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. He had long been a sufferer from rheumatism. He was a native of Virginia and leaves two sons, Edward Pollard, residing on Oleander avenue, and O. L. Pollard of Turlock.

Pollard had been a member of the South Methodist church for 25 years. He had resided at 121 Kearney avenue for the past four years. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

DENIED A NEW TRIAL. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Charles R. South, convicted in the Superior court of San Diego county of having placed explosives near the home of Edgar W. Dickinson of San Diego and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, was denied a new trial today by the district court of appeal.

SPECIAL STAMPS ARE NOT SELLING RAPIDLY

Inability to Use Them for Postage Checks Sales.

According to those having the sale of the Red Cross stamps in charge in the lobby of the postoffice, the sale of these stamps in Fresno has not been as great as was hoped. Thus far the sales have been far behind those made in Stockton although more is expected next week.

The failure to purchase stamps has been caused, it is believed, by the publication of an article from Los Angeles in which it was stated that a large quantity of mail bearing these stamps was being held up there. Some of the people have obtained the idea that these stamps may be used in lieu of postage stamps. Such is not the case. While these stamps may be posted on letters or parcels, they can only be used as ornaments and postage stamps must be purchased to send the mail.

While this has served to stop to some extent the sale of stamps, it is believed that the cause for which they are being sold, namely to stamp out tuberculosis, will be sufficient to insure a large sale in Fresno as well as throughout the country. Many parties prefer the Red Cross postal cards to the stamps and it was stated yesterday that in this city, the sales of postal cards have been much larger than those of stamps.

PEER'S SON KILLED. LONDON, Dec. 16.—Hon. Archibald Gordon, son of the Earl of Aberdeen, died today from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born in 1884.

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CHRISTMAS

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<h3>STATIONERY</h3> <p>Hand Painted boxes fine Stationery \$1.75 to \$4.00</p> <p>Decorated boxes best quality paper 25c to \$1.50</p>	<h3>TOILET ARTICLES</h3> <p>Hand Mirrors 75c to \$3.00</p> <p>Hair Brushes 50c to \$3.00</p> <p>Mauicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Perfume.</p>

GROCERIES

Raisins, fancy packed, 1 lb., 2 lb., 2 1/2 lb., 5 lb. boxes. Sterilized Fig, Figs and Raisins. Fancy packed Candies, 1-2 lb., 1 lb. and 3 lb. boxes, Bulk Christmas Candies, Plum Puddings, Fruit Cakes.

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CAPTURING REFORM

Hearst has been at his old trick again—hiring thieves to steal letters—and has thereby once more rendered to the cause of honesty a service which more squeamish men would hesitate to perform themselves, but which is nevertheless very useful.

This time it is letters from Boss Murphy, plotting to have Tammany men get into the Democratic League which is trying to reform the Democratic party in New York, as the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is trying to reform the Republican party in California. Murphy evidently thought it easier to capture the League than to defeat it, so he laid his plots to do so. Now that his letters are made public, he does not deny them but merely denounces the no doubt reprehensible method by which they were obtained.

This particular scheme was frustrated, but it illustrates one of the common dilemmas of reform movements. A reform movement does not like to be autocratic or exclusive. It appeals to men who believe in the people's rule, and it prefers to make that appeal as democratically as possible. Also, it wants help wherever it can get it, even from reformed or disgruntled members of the push. You don't win, in politics, by throwing people out, or refusing their votes. So the chance is offered for the push to peek the reform movement. They have done it plenty of times before and they came near doing it this time, in New York.

It is a danger against which there can be no absolute guarantee. But to guarantee it even partly, it sometimes becomes necessary for reform movements to organize themselves on a more autocratic basis than they would like, as was done in Chicago, in the case of the Legislative Voters' League, and it means always the utmost vigilance and occasionally some ruthless repression of things and men, posing in the name of reform. The "hand-wagon vote" is very useful, to win with. Sometimes it is also very dangerous, when too large a portion of the victory is dependent on it.

TWO REIGNS ENDED

The world was rid yesterday of two rulers who will not be missed—Zelaya, by abdication, and Leopold by death. The two were strangely alike, too, in some respects, in spite of the fact that Zelaya was a sensational grafter, while Leopold was a cool and calculating reprobate. Both were men who had grown enormously rich out of the business of government, both were men of irreparable private life, and both were men of remarkable ability.

History will perhaps deal more kindly with Leopold, as it is beginning to do with Nero, than contemporary sentiment. He unquestionably did do great things for the material advancement of Belgium. He was a man of great intellect, tremendous force, artistic imagination and business genius. But he was, apparently a man without a soul, whose family life was one long intrigue of hatred and treachery, and whose selfish ambitions were the scandal of Europe. Also, he was the originator, and therefore in a large sense the responsible author, of the cruel exploitation of the Congo, the stain of which can never be effaced from Africa. The Congo colony was a business success, but it was a terrible human failure.

Belgium, fortunately, comes now under the rule of an enlightened, modern prince, a gentleman of the world, the representative of a new age in royalty. "The king is dead; long live the king!" Poor Nicaragua is not so fortunate. From despotism, she seems to be escaping into anarchy, with an American protectorate in sight.

OLD AND NEW

One of the things the San Francisco papers forgot to do, in displaying their accounts of the opening of the new Palace hotel, was to print a picture of the old Palace hotel. Yet, in fact, that old hotel is the only reason for making a public event of the opening of the new Palace. The St. Francis and Fairmont are simply first-class hotels, in a city where everything else is first-class, too. Viewed simply as a present institution, the new Palace hotel is also just another first-class hotel, in a city of first-class buildings. But not so the old Palace. That was the first really modern building on the Pacific coast, at a time when everything else was still bare the marks of the frontier. It was the first thing San Francisco built comparable to the best things the East was building, at a time when the East had learned its building from us, and the business center of San Francisco is the most modern and best built city in the world. The old Palace marked the assimilation of Eastern and western civilization, and the debut of California in the good society of the world. Also, it marked and characterized the age of easy opulence which followed the "days of gold," when the California liberality, the Californian Bohemianism, and the whole California largeness of spirit were forming themselves as a fixed state characteristic. For these reasons the old Palace was something a great deal more than a private business enterprise, with board and lodging to let. It was one of the public institutions of California. The new Palace is a better building and a better hotel. But it is in a city where its neighbors are all of its own class. Its only claim to being

a public institution distinguished above other like private enterprises, is its inheritance of the name and prestige of its predecessor. It would have been pleasant to see a picture of the old hotel, alongside the new.

ONE SESSION ANYWAY

The Sacramento Bee wants to know how much time we would give Taff for the "results" by which we have stated he would be judged.

Well, it is not asking too much, is it, if we allow one legislative session for the accomplishment of legislative results. It took even Roosevelt longer than that. If we are going to judge a President by the things he compels Congress to do (as is our modern habit) at least give him a chance at Congress, before judging what he can get.

FOOLISH

The Hanford Sentinel is foolish enough to say that Fresno City ought not to want to annex its own suburbs, because Fresno county objected to Kings county annexing a part of it. Go to! Talk sense! When Fresno tries to annex a part of Hanford, it will be time enough to spring the false analogy. Fresno has no desire, of course, to take anything away from anybody. Its merely wants to take its own bread all under its own wing.

KELLOGG GRADE ON MILLS COLLEGE LEVEE

This New Road Connects Wheatville With Laton on the Laguna.

With the exception of another 110 foot trestle bridge to give a continuous right of way, the County Surveyor Harold reports practically completed the Kellogg grade road whose practical purpose is to connect the Wheatville country with that on the Grunt and furnish a roadway at all seasons to Laton in district which is often submerged during winter flood seasons.

Deputy Harrold and Supervisor Martin visited the road to report on the completion of the work of Contractor Ball, located about three miles from Wheatville. The nature of the country visited may be judged from the fact that to reach the point desired the visitors went by automobile as far as they could, then by vehicle and lastly to reach the place of Ball's work paddled in a boat which Harold tried ineffectually to upset to give the supervisor a ducking.

The new grade runs along the south line of 24-17-18, crossing Irish Slough at various points and a good portion of the road to be above the level of flood water is a continuation of the so-called Mills College and levee, which has been widened so as to give an eighteen-foot driveway where before it was only a narrow path. The weather only a careful driver.

The roadway involved the construction of three bridges, one of which is yet lacking, besides fill-in connections for 2800 feet; the Ball completed contract covering 1200 feet. The total bridges are open structures so as not to obstruct the waterway.

On the return home from the journey, the difficulties in Mr. Martin's automobile broke down on the plains when thirty-five miles from Fresno and three from the nearest habitation, which had to be asked over to reach the home of H. H. Momson. The latter having two automobiles brought him eastwards home and Mr. Martin sent for his crippled auto yesterday.

ORIENTAL DOCTOR IS FINED 10 BUCKS

In Default of the Ready Cash, Dr. Harris Hughes Will Serve Ten Days in "Cooler."

Dr. Harris Hughes, one of the self-styled Oriental physicians, was fined \$10 by Police Judge yesterday for disturbing the peace. In default of the fine Dr. Hughes went to jail. Hughes was arrested by Patrolman Knight following a side show that was not on the program Wednesday afternoon at the Chinese opera house.

Hughes and his partner were giving their usual daily free entertainment to the delight of a large crowd. Suddenly something went wrong when the pair began to sell Oriental herbs. Hughes accused his junior partner of violating the rules of the co-partnership and for a minute the air was blue with curses words. Then Dr. Hughes took a trip to jail.

REFUSED DRINK; THREATEN OWNER

John Thomas and Tom Burns were arrested for disturbing the peace by Patrolmen Hayes and Josephs and Acting Sergeant Broad last night. The men are alleged to have entered the Orange salon under the auspices of liquor. The proprietor, Curley Hughes, refused to give them anything to drink on the ground that the men were intoxicated. Thomas and Burns are said to have cursed and threatened Hughes then ordered them out of the house.

They walked through the doors cursing the bartender and when on the sidewalk were overheard by an expressman plotting to "do up" Hughes when he closed his door at 1 o'clock. The expressman informed Hughes of what he had overheard, with the result that the police were summoned.

TWO SURPRISED IN GAMBLING "JOINT"

Patrolmen Machen and Gosharing Walk Into Lottery Den and Arrest Chinese and Patron.

A man giving his name as Ed Woods and Ah Kim, alleged owner of a Chinese lottery joint in the Oriental quarter, were arrested last night by Patrolmen Gosharing and Machen on charges of gambling. The officers confiscated several hundred Chinese lottery tickets and a quantity of poker chips. No money was obtained. The policemen walked into the small place in China alley and surprised the two inmates. Their cases will be heard in the police court this morning.

JACK BURNS GETS MATCH IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—"Quinhoo" Smith and Jack Burns were matched today to fight twenty rounds in this city December 22 for a per cent of the gate money and a side bet of \$500. Burns has never fought in San Francisco before, although he has had many battles in Los Angeles and other state points.

RESIDENTS OF SELMA HAVE BURGLAR SCARE

First National Bank Alarm Sounded; The Safe Is Untouched.

SELMA, Dec. 16.—A strange coincidence of the Selma bank robbery is the excitement caused here last night about eight o'clock by the sounding of the big burglar alarm at the First National bank at a time when no one was at the bank. The strange sounding of the alarm last night created quite a stir, which this morning grew into vague suspicion, when the Exeter robbery was reported.

The opening of the time locks this morning was awaited with much interest, as a careful investigation last night of the exterior of the vault failed to disclose the slightest trace of tampering. From all indications this morning, last night's alarm was caused by some one stepping on the signal threshold plate when closing the vault, creating an alarm circuit which sounded at the time the working mechanism passed from the day onto the night clock.

Sanger high and Selma high are to have a chance of again contesting the football supremacy in game 10 to be played here next Saturday afternoon. The teams played a 0 to 0 game at Sanger in the rain Thanksgiving day, and each feels confident of victory on a good field, and some exciting ball is looked for Saturday.

Mr. Rolland Hassinger and Miss Carrie N. Wells, both of Selma, were married at the Christian church last night by the pastor, Rev. Audrey Wilson. Both the young church and the ceremony was quietly solemnized preceding the regular service of the evening.

Mr. Hassinger has just completed a cozy bungalow on Bander street and the young couple will go at once to housekeeping.

Mrs. A. W. Weper left this morning for Yreka to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. Weper will go when school closes.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Woomer of San Francisco are spending the week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Horchers.

A chapter of the Methodist Brotherhood has been instituted by members of the First Methodist church here. The following officers were chosen for the first term: President, F. W. Van Osdal; first vice president, G. C. Sinclair; second vice president, C. T. Elliott; third vice president, W. O. Elliott; secretary, J. H. Eddy; treasurer, W. T. Pittman; chaplain, J. A. Moore.

Miss Irma Poulson who will be married next week to E. O. Hamstrom was honored with shower party by Miss Ruth Reed at her home on Tuesday afternoon. The Christmas spirit was evidenced in the decorations and a tiny Christmas tree held the dainty gifts of the girl friends of the prospective bride.

Something of an innovation in church comforts is being added to the M. E. Church South. This is a nursery equipped with cradles and playthings and superintended by a nurse. The object is to make it easier for mothers to attend the church services.

MORE CROSS FIRING IN NORTH POLE SQUABBLE

(Continued from Page 1.) So Loose says, and now he is casting around to see where he stands. His conscience smart.

"I wrote these facts in a private letter to Captain Bernier and others, and their premature publication may spoil what would have been complete documentary proof of my assertions, sworn to before a notary."

"Loose had an appointment today to sign a confession. He did not appear and now he has just twenty-four hours' grace. If he does not sign tomorrow the substance of the confession then will be printed from notes and conversations on which it is based."

Captain Osborn said the person who had obtained and drafted the confession was a ship owner, a former employer of Loose and a man who had personal influence with him.

"He told Loose straight out," said the captain, "that Loose was playing checkers with his own nose."

Captain Osborn does not deny that Dr. Cook and Loose had business dealings and that money passed between them, but he said:

"I know enough about the doctor who went into the Antarctic with him to be sure the doctor needed and one to fabricate observations for him. No doubt he set problems for Loose by which to check his own calculations."

MORE ARRESTS IN SNEAD CASE

Aunt of Dead Woman Is Now in Charge for Her Murder.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The three sisters who held the life of Okey Snead in their hands have one by one come within the reach of the law, until tonight separate cells hold them all, charged by the authorities of East Orange, N. J., with the murder of their niece and daughter.

Of the girls' immediate relatives only her bed-ridden grandmother, Mrs. Wardlaw, 83 years old, and Fletcher Snead, the cousin she married, are still at large. A rumor that Fletcher Snead, the missing husband, had been found in hiding at St. Catherine's, Ont., was denied tonight by the St. Catherine's police.

Events have moved swiftly in the last twenty-four hours. Soon after the arraignment today of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, Okey's mother, who was arrested last night, there followed the third arrest in the case—that of Mrs. Mary Snead, Mrs. Martin's sister, and at once the aunt and mother-in-law of Okey Snead. She was taken from her lodgings in New York, charged with being a fugitive from New Jersey, pending the arrival of extradition papers from New Jersey. In her examination she gave no hint as to whether she would fight extradition.

Mrs. Martin was arraigned this morning in the Tombs police court and committed to the Tombs prison, pending the arrival of extradition papers from New Jersey. In her examination she gave no hint as to whether she would fight extradition.

Mrs. Martin is 64 years old and feeble though resolute and alert of mind. She showed the signs of having been hit by the heavy black veil that completely concealed her features as characterized her sister, Virginia Wardlaw, in the latter's examination at East Orange several days ago.

Mrs. Mary Snead, when taken to police headquarters today, was equally reticent. Mrs. Martin's pitiful infirmity saved her the indignity of being measured and photographed, but Mrs. Snead escaped none of the humiliating details of tomorrow in the Tombs police court to determine whether she can justly be held for extradition.

The three notes found yesterday among Mrs. Martin's effects, all similar in handwriting and wording to the suicide note found in Okey's clothing beside the bath tub in which she was drowned, were deemed sufficient evidence against Mrs. Martin. The point made against Mrs. Snead is that she was a nurse with Miss Wardlaw to the renting of the unfinished house in East Orange, in which Okey Snead was found dead.

HER CORSETS COST \$250 PER PAIR

More Figures on Mrs. Brokaw's Unhappy Life on \$30,000 a Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—How to be unhappy on \$30,000 a year was the burden of testimony introduced in the Brokaw divorce trial today. Mrs. Mary Brokaw, as evasive in her answers as ever, was on the stand part of the time for the seventh consecutive day. She was followed by her brother, J. Butler Blair, who said that W. Gould Brokaw had treated the plaintiff cruelly and that she was justified in asking for a separation with \$50,000 a year alimony. Statistics figured prominently—rather unique figures compiled concerning Mrs. Brokaw's refusal to answer questions and elaborate explanations of her behavior. As compiled by her husband's lawyer, she has in the hearing evaded 1148 important questions.

Other figures introduced by Brokaw's lawyers read like those at the Howard Gould suit as side lights on how a woman of wealth can spend \$30,000 a year. Corsets cost \$250 a pair and for candy Brokaw at one time spent \$175.

It developed that Walter Byford, Brokaw's private secretary, much sought by the plaintiff's lawyer, is in Europe and cannot be subpoenaed.

ONE YEAR FOR FIRING FOREST. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Lewis Webb, convicted in the U. S. District court on a charge of setting fire to timber on a government forest reserve in Stanislaus county, was sentenced today to serve one year in the Alameda county jail. Webb's conviction was the result of a second trial, the first having resulted in a disagreement.

KING LEOPOLD II. YIELDS TO DEATH

(Continued from Page One.) was put by the Sbir to Mr. Cooreman, the venerable royal chaplain, whether the king had married Baroness Vaughan according to provisions of the religious ceremony, adding that Belgium was astonished and scandalized that the church would sanction the presence of the woman near the king's couch when the priest came on his sacred mission.

The chaplain intimated that the marriage had taken place and said that his conscience was clear about his visit to the king. The church's code of morals, he added, was the same for the king as for the people, and, in conclusion, he said, "from the standpoint of the church the king's situation is regular."

DICTATOR ZELAYA RESIGNS OFFICE

(Continued from Page 1.)

CREEL NOT MEDIATOR. MEXICO, Dec. 16.—Governor Creel's mission in Washington is not that of mediator between the United States and Nicaragua. The department of foreign relations had no expectation that he would act in such capacity, according to a statement by Minister of Foreign Relations Ignacio Mariscal today.

Mariscal was asked concerning Creel's mission, following a dispatch from Washington that the latter could not in the opinion of diplomats, be received except as the ambassador of President Diaz.

"It cannot be and never has been the intention of the Mexican government to attempt to intervene as a nation," Mariscal explained. "It could not mediate inasmuch as it had no authority either from the United States or from Nicaragua to do so." Mexico, he said, is friendly to both countries and is simply stating forth its ideas to the government of the United States and their acceptance or rejection will not in any way compromise Mexico or her relations with either country in the controversy.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WALLACE

The funeral of Mrs. M. C. Wallace, who died in Stockton December 14th, will be held from the chapel of A. B. Hopkins and Son this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Surviving Mrs. Wallace is one daughter, Mrs. Ella Rogers, two granddaughters, Mrs. Carrie Leach and Lillian Rogers, and one brother, H. D. Gross, all of this city; one brother, B. H. Gross of Walla Walla, Wash.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED IN THE FAIR CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The state supreme court today reversed the judgment of the lower court and ordered a new trial of the \$25,000 damage suit brought by former Police Captain John Seymour against the heirs of U. S. Senator James G. Fair. The complaint, in which Virginia and Theresa Oelrichs are made co-defendants, declares that Charles L. Fair and Herman Oelrichs made a verbal agreement with the plaintiff to employ him as overseer of the Fair properties for ten years at a salary of \$300 a month and promised to give him a written contract, which promises were not fulfilled. Seymour obtained a judgment for \$11,000 in the Superior court, which was sustained by the Appellate court.

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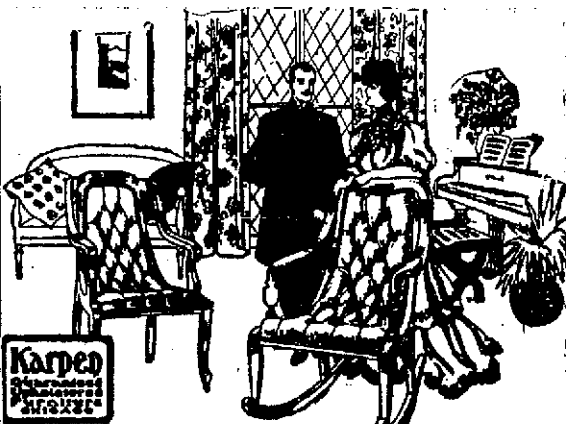
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If your meals don't fit comfortably or you feel bloated after eating and you believe it is the food which fills you; if what little you eat lies like a lump of lead on your stomach; if there is difficulty in breathing after eating, eructations of sour, undigested food and acid, heartburn, brash or a belching of gas, you can make up your mind that you need something to stop food fermentation and cure indigestion.

To make every bite of food you eat aid in the nourishment and strength of your body, you must rid your stomach of poisons, excessive acid and stomach gas which cause your entire meal—instead of order stomach within five minutes, and digest promptly, without any fuss or discomfort of any kind of headache, biliousness, constipation, find you eat.

Griping, etc. Your case is no different—you are a stomach sufferer though you may call it by some other name; your real and only trouble is that which you eat does not digest, but quickly ferments and sours, producing almost any unhealthy condition. A case of Pape's Diaphepsin will cost fifty cents at any Pharmacy here, and will convince any stomach sufferer five minutes after taking a single dose that fermentation and Sour Stomach is causing the misery of indigestion. No matter if you call your trouble Catarrh of the Stomach, Nervousness or Gastritis, or by any other name—always remember that a certain cure is waiting at any drugstore the moment you decide to begin its use. Pape's Diaphepsin will regulate any out of order stomach within five minutes, and digest promptly, without any fuss or discomfort of any kind of headache, biliousness, constipation, find you eat.

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Georgia's State Chemist Praises "Nature's Gift from the Sunny South"

J. H. McCandless, State Chemist of Georgia, before a recent gathering of Cotton Seed men, gave emphatic praise to the high quality of *Cottolene*. He said:

"The sale of this product and the proclamation that it is made of cotton seed oil have done more to bring cotton seed oil truthfully and favorably before the public than anything else in recent history."

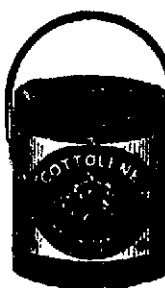
Mr. McCandless then pointed out that a pure, refined, vegetable-oil product such as *Cottolene*, is the only assurance a woman has of a clean, digestible, cooking fat.

It seems a positive wonder in the light of all that has lately been said and written, and of what is known of lard, where it comes from, of what it may be made, that anyone will continue its use, when pure, sweet and healthful *Cottolene* can be so easily obtained.

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Men's Gray Merino Underwear
Soft finish, substantial, well made and warm; all sizes; garment **85c**

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The famous "Eagle" brand golf shirts, in all the new exclusive designs of imported French and English makers and patterns; choice color items **\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2**

Men's Stiff Hats
Without a doubt, the very best assortment of men's Derby Hats in town, all the new blocks and wantable shapes, great values **\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4**

Boys' 25c School Caps, Big Assortment 19c

Specials For Boys Today

Boys' \$1.00 Knickerbocker Pants 50c
Boys' knickerbocker pants; ages 6 to 16, made of good serviceable materials in a large range of very desirable colors and good patterns; values up to \$1.00; special for today **50c**

Boys' Washable Waists 23c
A big assortment of boys' washable waists, in good serviceable materials; blues, blacks and fancy patterns; an extra special value today **23c**

The Big Millinery Close Out Sale Offers Some Grand Values

Choice of Any Hat in the House \$3.98

We are determined to sell out every trimmed hat in the house this month; with that object in view, we have marked for today's selling every remaining hat regardless of price or value at \$3.98. This affords a great opportunity to buy your Holiday headwear at a trifle of their real value; don't wait until all the best ones are picked over; come in today and take your choice of a grand assortment at

\$3.98

Fresno's Greatest Toy Shop Will Be Crowded Today

These Values Cannot Be Matched Elsewhere

Special Sale of Painted Rubber Balls

Today we offer an immense assortment of painted rubber balls; all new fresh, this season's goods; at special prices, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.25.

Boys' Union Tool Chests 65c

Boys' No. 50 Union Tool Chests, in hardwood box; hinged cover; containing 12 items length of box, 13 1/2 inches; very serviceable; special **65c**

Shoot the Chutes \$3.25

"Shoot the Chutes," a fine indoor or outdoor toy; strong, durable and practical; lots of fun; no danger; has 19-foot track and nice car; folds up **\$3.25**

Heavy Mission Tables \$1.50

Substantial, heavily made Mission tables, regular Mission style, round top, 22 inches across; Mission finish, on special sale **\$1.50**

Red Tables \$1.50

Red tables with drawer, size 24x16 1/2 with saw legs; very attractive and well made; this table is worth far more than the price asked **\$1.50**

The New Game Boards

We are showing a big assortment of the Carrom Archerboard, the game boards, the best boards made.

The "De Luxe" Crown combination board two sides, Crokinole and Carrom; 65 games can be played on this board; made very strong and durable; special **\$4.50**



Blackboards

Panoramic Blackboards; 18 inches long and 10 inches wide; good oak frame; has the A-B-C's and simple objects such as birds, fish and flowers; this board is worth double the price asked **15c**

Easel-back Blackboard 75c

Easel back Blackboards, with fold-down desk or slat; has place for papers and books; made of oak wood in natural finish, 40 inches high and 18 3/4 wide, and is extra good value **75c**

A Great Holiday Special

\$15 to \$20 Silk Rain Coats \$12.75

Today you take your choice of any of our \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.75 or \$20.00 rubberized rain coats for \$12.75. They are mostly all the "Kenyon" guaranteed kind; and are in Mohr, Taffeta, Bengaline and fancy silk weaves; all colors and all sizes; an endless variety for your selection today at **\$12.75**

SHOES

Men's \$1 House Slippers 69c

Men's holiday house slippers; black and brown vamps; made on white comfortable lasts; common sense heels; all sizes; quality that advances sells at \$1.00; special today **69c**

Ladies' \$3 Coltskin Shoes \$1.98

Ladies' classy dress shoes; of finest patent coltskin; blusher face style; high tops; shag vamps; new full lasts; all sizes and widths; the regular \$3.00 values; **\$1.98**

Ladies' \$3.50 Patent Kid Shoes \$2.65

Ladies' patent kid dress shoes; with neat kid tops; extension soles; military heels; short vamps; slant tops; made on the new swing lasts; all sizes and widths; the \$3.50 grade; special **\$2.65**

DOMESTICS

12 1-2c Fleece Flannel-ette 10c

27 inch fleece lined flannel-ette; light and dark figures and stripes; Persian and other effects; the regular 12 1-2c quality; special today **10c**

\$1.75 Cotton Blankets \$1.49

Extra large 12-4 cotton blankets for double bed; in tan, gray and white with pretty colored borders; a \$1.75 grade; special today **\$1.49**

\$2 Cotton Comforters \$1.75

72x84 inch cotton comforters extra large size for double bed; best grade silhouette in beautiful designs; filled with white curdled cotton; special **\$1.75**

DRESS FABRICS

69c Corded Bengaline Silk 48c

19 inch heavy corded Bengaline silk for waists and fancy work; the 69c quality; in a full range of all the most desirable colors; special **48c**

25c Scotch Plaids for 15c

In different designs in Scotch plaid suiting for school dresses; good serviceable colors; the kind that usually sells at 25c; special **15c**

39c Colored Cashmere for 29c

36 inch cashmere; nice even weave in a full line of the best colors; the regular 39c grade; on special sale for today **29c**

In the Fancy Goods Aisle

Fancy Neckwear 25c and 50c

We are showing an endless variety of Ladies' Fancy Neckwear in Holiday effects; all the very latest styles and in every wantable color; collars, hosiery, etc.; unique affairs. Special **25c and 50c**

Genuine Gun Metal Hat Pins 68c

The latest novelty—genuine gun metal Hat Pins. In very pretty shapes, with extra long stout pins; a regular \$1 value. On special sale for **68c**

Ladies' \$3 Silk Hose \$2.19

A magnificent grade of Ladies' Pure Silk Hosiery; in black, tan, gray, light blue and pink, with heavy rich embroidered designs; the regular \$3 quality. Special at **\$2.19**

Sterling Silver Match Boxes \$1.98

Five different styles of gent's sterling silver match boxes; plain and engraved designs; heavy quality; values up to \$5. On special sale for today **\$1.98**

\$4 Fancy Umbrellas for \$2.39

Ladies' 26 inch Umbrellas, made on National frames, with steel rods and covered with best quality tape edged piece dyed taffeta; mounted with gold plated and sterling silver handles; in unique designs. Special **\$2.39**

50c Satin Taffeta Ribbon for 39c

Six inch all silk satin taffeta ribbon; an excellent quality; in all the staple and novel shades for fancy work; the usual 50c grade. On the bargain table today special at **39c**

Children's Coral Necklaces at 25c

Children's 3 strand Coral Necklaces; in several different styles; well made with good fasteners; in neat box for Xmas gift. Special today at **25c**

Madeira Embroidery, \$2 Kind, 98c

Eighteen inch Madeira Embroidery, in corset cover designs; most beautiful designs; cannot be told from the hand work; 9 different patterns for selection; fine for Xmas gifts; worth up to \$2 a yard **98c**

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WEATHER CONDITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14. The following maximum and minimum temperatures are reported from Eastern stations for previous day: Chicago 28-38, New York 10-20, Omaha 26-30.
Forecast: San Joaquin valley. Fair on Friday; light north winds, heavy frost in the morning.

GENERAL CONDITIONS
Light amounts of precipitation are reported this morning from scattered localities between the northern Rocky mountain region and the Atlantic coast, the result of a storm now passing to sea off the New England coast and a secondary depression in the lower Missouri valley. Temperatures are lower throughout nearly the entire country this morning, though no zero temperatures are reported.

The high pressure area that has prevailed on the Pacific slope for several days is very sluggish in its movement and it will continue to control the weather in this section for the next 36 hours, during which time fair weather may be expected in Fresno and vicinity, possibly with fog at intervals tonight and Friday morning.

W. D. FULLER, Local Forecaster.

Air temperature 51
Highest temperature yesterday 55
Lowest temperature yesterday 30
Humidity (percentage) off 65
Wind S.W. 4 to 10 m.p.h. 1
Today's rainfall 0.00
Rainfall to date 6.80
Fry Friday.

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Keep your valuables in a safe deposit box at Fresno National bank. Costs \$3 a year.

Edgerly Building will be ready for occupancy January 1st. Offices for rent, See Pearson, 1511 Tulare street.

Superintendent Lindseth paid an official visit yesterday to the American Colony school in the Oblander district.

Christmas gifts for men at Nyman Levy's, exclusive gent's furnishings and millinery, 1336 Broadway. See a tailor.

When you do your Christmas shopping, don't forget to make a Christmas present of your Kutter coupons to the Y. W. C. A.

We are still taking orders for photos for delivery in time for Christmas. Maxwell & Mudge, corner J and Fresno streets.

Hog feed \$10 ton, Capron oil cake, Capron Oil cake meal, California Feed Co., south end O street and Butler avenue.

Good Intent, circle of the Christian church will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Walter Senior, corner of Central and Olive avenues.

License to marry was issued yesterday to W. D. Wilson, native of Michigan, aged 31, and Lucy Sparlock, native of Missouri, aged 41, residents of Fresno.

Robert Ott of Temperance Colony has just received word from Washington that he has been granted a patent on a wheeled cultivator because of an improvement which was invented.

A. F. Nourish and others have petitioned the supervisors for a public roadway commencing from the east quarter corner of 5-12-21, running westerly through the middle of 24 to the west quarter corner of the section. The road is demanded as a convenient mode of ingress and egress.

The Union High school district of Clovis wants the supervisors to formally close down avenue in East Clovis. The trustees say that the street is little used and the district owns all of block 25 and the E 1/2 of 26 fronting on the avenue. They desire to enlarge the school grounds and to do so would close the avenue.

L. W. Klein had a petition before the supervisors yesterday to abandon the road along the north boundary of Lot 22 of the Salinas river and following the meanderings of Dry Creek, offering to substitute for it in the repaving of Lot 22 a 60 foot wide strip to cross Fresno avenue, connecting with Webster and Blackstone avenues. Charles Torrance protested in behalf of the office, who owns lot 22 north of 25 and Klein withdrew his request.

M. E. Martineau of Watsonville is at the Sequoia.
William G. Prince of Modesto is spending a few days in Fresno.
Fred Abel of Los Angeles is registered at the Sequoia.

F. A. Ruppel is in the city from Sacramento.
E. Lantz of San Bernardino is stopping at the Sequoia.
James Miller of Clovis is a guest at the Hughes.

D. Bishop of Modesto was a visitor in Fresno yesterday.
A. B. Ross of San Jose is at the Sequoia.
H. J. Faulkner of Oakland is stopping at the Sequoia.

H. J. Patterson of Minum is visiting in the city.
M. C. Anderson of San Jose is among the late arrivals at the Sequoia.
M. E. Brough of Los Angeles is at the Sequoia.

F. C. Eubank, traveling agent of the C. N. and S. T. P. railway lines, was a visitor in Fresno yesterday.
L. E. Stanton, general agent of the same road, arrived in the city yesterday from San Francisco.

D. M. Gill of the Rock Island road left for his home in San Francisco yesterday.
Harry W. Piper, a former Fresno man, who is now traveling for a San Francisco business house, spent yesterday in this city on route to San Francisco.

DIED
WILLIAMSON. At Berkeley, December 15, 1908, Willie Williamson, a native of California, aged 6 years, 3 months and 7 days.
The remains will be shipped to Fresno for interment.

EDDY. In Fresno, 621 I street, December 16, 1908, William Eddy, a native of England, aged 72 years, and following the funeral notice later.

POLLARD. Near this city, December 15, 1908, J. M. Pollard, a native of Virginia, aged 72 years.
Funeral announcement later.

MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED.
CHIPPWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 16.—The body of Mrs. Shelby, with the head blown off, was found last evening at her home near a lumber camp south of Humboldt, Wis., twenty-eight miles from here. It is believed that the woman was murdered.

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SPIRITUALISM AT BARTON.

At the Barton next Sunday night, December 19, the residents of this city will have an opportunity of seeing Dr. Sawyer, the celebrated theosophist and spiritualist medium. It is claimed there is no man living who has excited more comment, and he has been chosen by the adepts to attempt the conclusion of the work left undone by Madame Blavatsky, high priestess of theosophy and mistress of the occult science.

Mr. Sawyer's tests are made on a fully lighted stage and delegates from the audience are always invited to investigate. His methods and his work have excited the attention of the most renowned theosophists and have in some manner succeeded in elevating a subject of spiritualism above its popular superstitions.

His experiments have not with the endorsements of the Royal Society of London, England, and of London's distinguished persons and societies. The phenomena that will be produced in the light are slate writing, spirit pictures, and questions written and returned by the audience and interrogators will receive full and intelligent answers.

COHEN CAUGHT IN FRANCE.
PARIS, Dec. 16.—The police today arrested an American postal employee named Cohen, who is accused of having stolen registered letters from the San Francisco postoffice. Cohen denies the charges, but will be extradited.

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Social and Club News

Christmas shoppers who have had occasion to go to the postoffice to mail packages have found an attractive little stall in the corner of the main hall where the Red Cross Christmas stamps are for sale. Perhaps we do not all realize what the sale of these Christmas message stamps means. It means that for every penny that goes for one of these pretty little stamps a tiny sum is added to the great fund that the government is using to carry on its splendid work of fighting the white plague.

The government issues these stamps and the Red Cross solicits their sale of them to aid their work. Every letter or parcel that goes forth should bear one of these little stamps, not only for the Christmas greeting it sends to the friend but to bring into prominence the cause it represents. California should have an especial interest in this work and Fresno ought to show its enterprise and public spirit by encouraging the installation of a tuberculosis camp near the city. Stockton has a growing one and one where cases have been treated and cured successfully.

By the purchase of these small stamps you can show your approval of the work in general and encourage the women who are making this a beginning for something larger in the future. So don't forget the Red Cross stamps when you go to the postoffice to mail your next Christmas parcel.

Mrs. Olga Lunt Youngberg and her young son of Alameda arrived this morning on a week end visit with Mrs. Lewis H. Smith.

The West Park Thursday Club held a most interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. S. Bowen on Jensen avenue. It was a varied program ending with an interesting quiz box. Miss Mary Peterson and Mrs. May Hansen entertained the members with charming refreshments. Miss Jennie Dore played a delightful piano number and a vocal duet by Miss Dore Young and Miss Ella Jensen was very much enjoyed. During the discussion following the program plans were made for improving the West Park school grounds.

This will be the club's last meeting before the holidays. The first meeting after the new year will be "Grandmothers Day," held at the home of Mrs. H. E. Burleigh. On this occasion the young ladies will entertain the grandmothers of the club.

This afternoon Mrs. Andrew Nelson and Mrs. Annie Campy will entertain in compliment to Miss Elizabeth Cronkite, whose marriage to James R. Van Zant will occur next Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hattie Giffen on Calaveras avenue. Since the announcement of Miss Cronkite's engagement she has received some charming attentions from her friends. Last Wednesday evening Friends of Rebekah Lodge, of which she is an active member, entertained for her and presented her with a beautiful piece of cut glass to add to her collection of attractive wedding gifts.

Yesterday afternoon a large representation of members of the Pactor Lecture Club greeted Mrs. Lou V. Chapin when she addressed the club on Current Topics. These lectures are very eagerly anticipated by the whole club. Mrs. Chapin is an exceedingly popular and her subject is one of general interest. Her lecture yesterday included comments upon the political situation in Great Britain, especial stress being laid upon the turning down of the budget by the House of Commons.

Mrs. Chapin makes her political comments especially clear and interesting. She talked also of politics in this country and then carried her audience across the Pacific to talk to the club of the new railroad that is being built north from Los Angeles. This is of particular interest inasmuch as it is entirely through Chinese enterprise that it is being accomplished.

Before the lecture the club was favored with a very delightful piano solo from Miss Ethel Safford. This promising young musician has just completed and played so charmingly that an encore was insisted upon and very graciously given.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church have been very busy the past week or two preparing a Christmas box to be sent to the Presbyterian Orphanage at San Anselmo. This box is to be sent tomorrow so that the children may have their Christmas gifts in good season. The ladies in charge are the donors of the box. In by this afternoon to the church so that the box may be packed. Gifts of oranges and all kinds of fruits and clothing will be most acceptable.

The members of the East Side Country Club enjoyed a pleasant gathering yesterday with Mrs. George Beveridge. Christmas preparations were not delayed by this social interruption, for the ladies brought their work bags with them and put the finishing touches on many of the gifts of needlework before the tea hour. Miss Constance Beveridge and Miss Mona Robertson assisted the hostess at the tea table. The club has issued invitations to a Christmas party on the evening of December 23rd at the home of Mrs. William Forsyth. At this time the society folk from town have been bidden to this event which will doubtless be one of the notable Yuletide affairs.

At a recent annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the large Street Presbyterian church the

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TONIGHT, FRESNO'S GIFTED AMATEURS WILL STAR BEFORE THE FOOTLIGHTS



Miss Bonnie Carter, who is leader of the serpentine dance.

An immense crowd will be at the Empire theater tonight to witness the finest amateur performances ever presented in this city. Fresno's finest talent will do their best, acting in two plays that have been given elaborate preparations.

In the tragedy playlet "A Queen of Comedy," Mr. George Osbourne and Mrs. Win. Forsyth will be seen in the leading roles. They will be ably assisted by Lionel Dalton, Royal Carter and Bertrand Gearhart.

The cast for "Happie Golden," the three act comedy, is: Mrs. Jack Wilson, Miss Lillian Dunn, Sallie, her sister, Miss Bonnie Carter, Alice Underwood, Miss Alice Dron, Lena, a Dutch servant, Miss Ino Dickenson, Dr. Jack Wilson, Mr. Lamar Harris.

Following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. B. Elmore; vice president, Mrs. S. J. Fontenot; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Hatfield; box secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Hamilton; literary leader, Mrs. True. The date of meeting was changed to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Joseph Hausland of West Park was given a jolly surprise party on Wednesday night prior to his departure for the East on a business trip. There were games and music enjoyed during the evening which concluded with refreshments.

The Merry Progressive Card Club held a jolly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pine Wednesday evening. The first prizes for "most progressive" were given to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hender. The second prizes going to Mrs. James E. Long and John E. Howard. Mrs. and Mrs. L. Danks and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Button were welcomed as members. After the games, the usual social hour with a well attended supper was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hanner will entertain the club next month at their lovely country home near Lone Star.

LIE IS PASSED IN COBONER'S COURT

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Attorney L. E. Phillips, legal counsel for the widow of Dr. Eugene G. Wood, who met his death at the hands of Gabriel Jacobs, husband of Mrs. Mercedes Jacobs, alleged insanity of the dead physician, springing a sensation at the formal inquest before the coroner's jury this afternoon by the declaration that the testimony of Fred T. Wood, brother of the deceased, was made out of whole cloth and wholly untrue.

Phillips referred to Wood's statement on the stand that his brother during his life time had remarked to him:

"I am not afraid of Jacobs. The only man I've got to fear is that fellow Phillips."

The statement was offered in answer to the coroner's query as to whether or not Dr. Wood had been aware that his life was in danger, before the night of the actual tragedy.

"I don't believe that Dr. Wood ever made such a statement," asserted Phillips hotly on the stand.

"I have no hesitancy in saying that the testimony of the witness who just preceded me is absolutely untrue. That its motive is I am not prepared to say."

After the testimony of Miss Marie Coburn, a witness to the shooting, the evidence was given to the jury who promptly returned a verdict of death from a hemorrhage due to a bullet wound, severing the venous artery.

UNITARIAN PULPIT.

The Human Festival. The Puritans discarded Christmas—they and it was a pagan festival. They were right. The festival was pagan; the festival as we celebrate it today is pagan. But do not be afraid of a name. What does "pagan" mean? It means least of all festivals is pagan; this is human. Where do the greens with which we decorate come from? From the old Teuton nature worship. The mistletoe we borrowed from the Druids, the Yule log from the old sun worship, and our exchange of gifts is older than Jesus. So every feature of Christmas is older than Christianity, and is human. This makes Christmas all the more dear and divine. It teaches that men always and everywhere, even though they know it not were children of the Father.

OLD KING COAL

Old King Coal was a jolly old soul. But no so merry as they say. Who said by their grates never filled with smoke, singing: "December as pleasant as May. Ask the coalman, he'll say 'umpty. Of a coal that makes winter a myth. He'll say it is true, and all honor due To the gem-sought of all, both great and small."

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Theodore Hopper, a football enthusiast, last night, Mr. Leslie Clark Tom Styles, a newspaper reporter, and Mr. Bertrand Gearhart.

Miss Elsie Smith as Happie Golden, a chorus girl.

With this cast there is small doubt but that the performance will be a tremendous success. Miss Elsie Smith will be seen at her best in the leading role of "Happie Golden, a chorus girl."

Between the plays eight young ladies will appear in the specialty serpentine dances.

The whole entertainment, as is known, is being given for the benefit of the Fresno County Humane Society, and from the looks of the seat sale, they will be netted quite a sum.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT

Central California Women of Woodcraft have made all arrangements for their Christmas bazaar, which opens today in the store on I street formerly occupied by Reddicks. Each Wednesday afternoon for several months the members of the club have been meeting to sew for this bazaar and have succeeded in gathering together a charming array of pretty things for Christmas gifts that will doubtless find ready purchasers.

Mrs. Morton Hansen and Miss Avis West are in charge of a domestic booth where dainty linens and aprons will be on sale. Mrs. Hattie Giffen and Mrs. J. H. Hollenbeck are in charge of the fancy work booth, while the handkerchief and doll booth are to be supervised by Mrs. B. A. Maxson and Mrs. W. P. Henderson. Refreshments will be served at an attractive booth presided over by Mrs. D. C. McLaughlin and Mrs. L. Cronk. Home made candies will be on sale at a booth in charge of Mrs. J. L. Hutchinson and Mrs. Neerman. The hall is decorated in the lodge colors, red, white and green and presents a very gala appearance.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LODGE

Central California Lodge No. 313, I. O. O. F., had a well attended meeting last night. The second degree was conferred upon five candidates, three being from Fresno lodge. A good many of the members of Fresno lodge were present to assist in the degree work. Five visitors were present: "Hattie Giffen," W. E. and J. B. Welch of Leamington, Mo., F. D. Barnhart and J. R. Rombo, Tunas, Mo., and E. H. Stevens of Laceyville, Pa. The last named became a member of the local lodge by transfer. A committee reported arrangements under way for a joint installation and Junior Lodge was given as the probable date. The lodge was treated to an oyster supper by E. K. Bellis. Tonight the entertainment will confer the royal purple degree upon a large class of candidates.

RAVING CITY F. B. P.

Raving City Lodge No. 240, Fraternal Brotherhood, had a well attended meeting Wednesday evening. Several applications for membership were received and the following candidates were initiated: E. E. Daniels, Mrs. E. E. Daniels, Percy Wilk, Dr. Charles F. Rolley and Albert Daniels. After the lodge closed friends and invited guests were admitted and entertained with the following program: Opening selection, lodge orchestra; song, D. Zimmerman, accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Perry; piano solo, Miss Edna Dean; song, Gertrude Jefferson, accompanied by Miss Lydia. An interesting talk was given by O. B. Reed, district representative of the Fraternal Brotherhood for the San Joaquin valley.

The rest of the evening was given over to dancing. The lodge orchestra furnished music. About 250 members and friends were present.

JUNIOR ORDER, U. A. M.

General George Washington Council No. 43, Junior Order, United American Mechanics, met last night at Odd Fellows' hall with a good attendance. Past Councilman John T. Cochran made a very interesting talk about his recent trip East. He presented to the council a picture of Washington's home at Mount Vernon. Brother Cochran also picked up a walnut from the tomb of Washington and presented it to the local council. The local council is named after the Father of the country, and these interesting relics will be greatly appreciated and treasured by the local Juniors.

After lodge adjourned refreshments of coffee and cake were served. The literary work will be put on next Thursday evening. It was reported that Floyd H. Greenwood, who underwent an operation last week at a local sanitarium, has been removed to his home.

GEOLOGICAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Land classification. Investigation of mine accidents, and tests of mineral fuels, and building materials formed special features of the work of the United States geological survey during the fiscal year 1909, according to a report of the director of the survey just issued.

The report gives detailed accounts of the progress of the work on the topographical and geological atlas of the United States on special geological and hydrographic surveys, including work in Alaska, and of statistical work on mineral resources.

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SOCKS	
25c Wool Socks, extra fine, now	12½c
75c and 50c Silk and Lisle, now	35c
HATS	
All styles, soft or stiff, brown and black, \$5, \$4 and \$3.50 Hats, now	\$1.95

PANTS	
\$6.00 Dress Pants, all styles, now	\$3.50
\$5.00 Dress Pants, all kinds, now	\$2.50
\$2.50 Corduroy Pants, extra values	\$1.25
UNDERWEAR	
\$1.75 garment, Vienna wool, extra quality, now	\$1.00
50c garment, fleece lined Underwear, now	37½c
\$1.50 garment, gray natural wool, now	\$1.00
COLLARS	
15c Collars, Silver Brand, also Corliiss, Coon, now 4 for	25c

SPECIAL SHOE SALE

1200 pairs of Men's Shoes, in all styles, patent leather, kid, calf or tan, dress and work shoes, Goodyear welts, worth \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00, now \$2.50
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GRAND JURY COMMITTEE STAND IN JAIL ALL FORENOON

Millwood's Justice Walked
Three Days to Answer
Summons.

Next Monday Adjournment
Will Be Taken Until
January 3rd.

The grand jury committee visited the jail yesterday and became so much interested in its work that it remained behind the bars during nearly the entire forenoon.

It inspected the place from top to bottom and according to report found things in apple-pie order. The jurors even sampled the several sacks of raisins that Sheriff Childs had in store to serve the prisoners at stated periods, and Wylie M. Giffen, brother of the Raisin King, who was especially interested in the raisins, said they were good enough to throw into the pool to fetch 3 cents a pound and the trusty who couldn't tell them wasn't worth the cost to the county of boarding him behind the bars.

The committee will today visit the recorder and wind up its work with the assessor and treasurer. The other committee, which has on its visiting list the names of Auditor Barnum, Treasurer Hickman and Tax Collector Smith, has made its formal call and has practically closed up its work. The grand jury has also had before

it in turn this week every one of the thirteen township justices, besides City Justice Graham, making four days going over the accounts of their fees and fines collected to see that they have been turned into the treasury by the time as demanded by law. In this investigation the jury was assisted by County Expert Anglin, who a few weeks ago raised a rumpus before the supervisors, notably in the case of Justice Meyer of Mendota and Firebaugh because collections were not speedily turned in, and such dereliction was shown was the asking of his resignation was contemplated seriously.

Even Justice Robinson of Millwood whose accounts were also then the subject of scrutiny, has responded to the invitation of the jury. The response was made under difficulties. The mountain stage line has stopped running, now that the winter season is on. He could not navigate down the flume, either, because the water-way is not a continuous one, as the flume is fractured in several places. Justice Robinson's tale is that he walked from Millwood to Sanger, the nearest connection with the stage line, and that the pedestrian journey from the snow region to the plains occupied him three days.

ENDORSE RIVER IMPROVEMENT

The supervisors endorsed yesterday by vote the resolutions for the appropriation for the improvement of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. The resolutions are those which were submitted after adoption at Sacramento by the state highway commissioners to be endorsed by interested boards of county supervisors and chambers of commerce. The Fresno county chamber of commerce has endorsed the resolutions calling for the appropriation from the general government in aid of a public improvement of navigable waterways.

SCHILL GAME IS BEFORE SUPERVISORS IN NEW FORM

F. O. Is Only Examined Eligible as Horticultural Commissioner.

Board Asks District Attorney Whether Law Is Mandatory.

Secretary F. C. Schell of the horticultural commission, who as chairman was foisted upon the present board of supervisors by members of the outgoing board in the distribution of leaves and files before the old board expired officially, has taken the examination, and has been made to appear in the only eligible to succeed himself by reappointment, by the board or by holding over.

According to a law passed by the last legislature, horticultural commissioners as they once existed were done away with and a new method of appointing was substituted, calling also for examination as to competency of eligibles. All this was unexpectedly recalled to the attention of the board yesterday in a formal notice from Secretary Edward K. Carney of the State Board of Horticultural Examiners that in accordance with section 2322 of the Political Code of California the State Board of Horticultural Examiners advised for thirty days an examination for applicants for the position of county horticultural commissioner for Fresno county to be held in Fresno on the 28th of last month, and further stating that:

"In accordance with same, we, the State Board of Horticultural Examiners do hereby submit the following list of persons (or person) that successfully passed said examination and declare said person or persons eligible for the position of county horticultural commissioner of Fresno county:

F. C. Schell, Fresno, Cal.

It has been understood in court house circles that J. P. Bolton, the former weather forecaster, had also taken that examination, but the official notice from Sacramento made no mention that he had entered the examination and if he had whether he passed or was turned down. This was considered strange, all the more so because a telephone inquiry was received only yesterday morning from Mr. Bolton himself asking whether there had been any return made on that examination.

It is an open secret that there are members of the present board who are not favorable to the appointment of Schell, not alone because of the singular conditions attendant upon the examination but because of the manner that he was foisted upon the board by shrewd political trick. The question raised yesterday was whether being the only eligible his appointment is mandatory and for that reason and in the hope of finding a way out of it the matter was passed up to the district attorney. It is said that Supervisor Johnson and Mitchell are in favor of appointment and Jorgensen feels he is constrained to do so under the law and an opinion on the law given by Attorney General Webb.

That there was likelihood of a question being raised on the appointment of Schell as the sole eligible was shrewdly suspected for which reason apparently the formal notification of the examiners was accompanied by the following copy of the attorney general's opinion constraining the intent and purpose of the law:

"Submitted under date of October 26, 1909, by J. W. Jeffrey, state commissioner of horticulture, at the request of State Board of Horticultural Examiners.

"Statutes and Amendments, 1909, page 185, chapter 187, Marginal Annotation of Supplantation of Supervisors.

"Quotation: 'Whenever from any cause a number of persons eligible and certified to any board of supervisors from which to select and appoint a county horticultural commissioner is less than five, the State Board of Horticultural Examiners shall proceed to certify or recommend the names of additional persons as hereinafter provided.'

"Assuming that an examination is held at which three candidates qualify, is the board of examiners required to certify two names of 'practical fruit growers' in addition to the three before the supervisors make their first appointment under the law?

"Does the law intend an examination to be held only once in four years (which is the length of the horticultural commissioner's term of office)?

"Do my mind the construction of section 2322 Political Code as amended in 1909 is very plain. The county horticultural commissioner must first be selected from the list of those taking the regular examinations, and who are successful in passing such examinations in the judgment of the board of examiners. The clause providing for recommending the names of additional persons in case the number of persons eligible and certified to any board of supervisors is less than five has no reference to the situation following the examinations, but refers to the matter in the statute immediately preceding and is intended to provide for the situation where the State Board of Horticultural Examiners arbitrarily names five residents of the county and certifies them to the board of supervisors. In fact the section of the Political Code has two separate and distinct parts.

"One provides for the examination of applicants. If any of these applicants are successful, then they must be certified to the board of supervisors without regard to their number.

"The latter portion of the statute is intended to provide for the situation where there is no examination by reason of the fact that no persons present themselves to the boards, or where there is an examination and no persons are found qualified. The statute does not mean that if only one or two applicants are successful in the examination, then a number of others must be certified by the board in order to make the number five.

"The statute does not provide any specified time for the holding of examinations, but it appears to me that a liberal construction of the statute would permit the holding of examinations whenever necessary for the purpose of filling vacancies."

CANNERS' HOMES BURNED.
VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—Through the upsetting of a lamp in the cabin of one of the employees at Cassler cannery on the Skeena river, eighteen houses were burned yesterday.

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Editor Republican:—Chile furnishes the latest object lesson in postal progress. In 1907 the total imports by parcels post amounted to \$246,250 U. S. gold. In 1908 they increased to \$395,120; a gain of nearly 200 per cent in one year. These parcels post imports consisted of watches, jewels, etc., \$224,216; silk goods, \$227,283; linen, gloves, dresses, etc. \$104,178; leather goods, feathers, etc., \$26,915.

Do the Fresno growers realize what a relief it would be to the raisin market if 10-pound boxes of their fine Imperial clusters could find their way through the mails to consumers all over the Union at such rates as prevail in Germany, Great Britain and other civilized countries?

If every head of population could get only one pound of raisins sent him, or her, through the mail would not that just clean up the raisin market in shape? It would take 42,500 tons. Can it be done? Why not? It's a matter of advertising and bringing producer and consumer together—and, of course, getting Congress to authorize the institution of an up-to-date parcels post.

Al! "There's the rub!" When will it come?

Come? Come? Did you, Mr. Editor, ever know a raisin shipped to Europe unless some one planted it? Did you ever know a newspaper to "come" unless some one printed it?

If the raisin growers want parcels post to "come" they have got to get in and compel it to "come" by hustling for it.

Here's their chance! Mr. John S. Dore is ready to use his vigorous speech and active brain in their behalf at Washington this winter if the Postal Progress League will pay part of his expenses. Some of you know him. He has kindly acted as league treasurer these many years, and nursed our microscopic bank balance. He is able and influential.

If you want parcels post to "come" then all the stars dollars you and your friends can spare and hand them into his charge, so as to furnish the sheaves of war. Don't stand by and let the efforts being made by others in your behalf. Get in and help.

"Who would be free themselves must strike the blow!"

EDWARD BERWICK.
President Postal Progress League of California.
Pacific Grove, December 15, 1909.

A Good Resolution to Make

Give us a trial order anyway. Good cheer for the holidays now ready for delivery. We have a larger stock than ever, and know we can satisfy you. Don't miss reading our Xmas week ad. It will surely interest you. In the meantime, bear in mind the following household necessities:

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IN CIRCULATION.....
And in Giving the News

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Victor Herbert
Merry Christmas

That's the combination that will bring joy into your home if there are any little ones there (and even if there are not), because Mr. Edison has made the Phonograph that will play the Amberol Records, and Victor Herbert has made music for it which you simply can't resist, and besides Victor Herbert there are hundreds of other good music makers, grave and gay, all waiting to introduce the real Christmas feeling into your home.

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SENATORS MAY OPPOSE LURTON

Some Consider Him Too
Old to Be a Justice of
Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate committee on judiciary voted unanimously today to report favorably the nomination of Judge Lurton to be an assistant justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Some members said it would have been better to have named a younger man, Lurton being in his 64th year, but there was no general opposition to him or any criticism except as to his age. The report will be made Thursday by Senator Bacon.

It was stated in the committee that there might be some opposition to the

confirmation of Judge Lurton in the Senate and it was thought advisable to let the opposition appear there rather than by delaying a report.

It was pointed out that Judge Lurton had had twenty-five years' experience on the bench and the general opinion among members of the committee was that he was entitled to the courtesy of prompt action by the committee.

MAY LIVE AT HOME.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—J. P. Morgan Jr. returned to the United States today from England. He denied the report that he would take charge of his father's interests, but intimated that he would make his home in the United States.

Every time I come to the United States, there is the report that I have come to take charge of my father's business. It is no more true now than it was three or four years ago.

HE SET FOREST AFIRE.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Louis H. Webb was convicted today by a jury in the United States district court of setting fire to the forest in the Klamath reservation and destroying a great amount of timber. It was charged that the fire was started to drive game, Webb contending that he was back firing to save his cabin on a mining tomorrow.

BIG GAME SEASON COSTS MANY LIVES

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At the close of the big game season today it was found that the cost of the chase had been thirty-four lives in New England and eastern Canada.

Among the scores or more known to have been seriously injured, five are not expected to recover, two will lose their sight and half a dozen more will be maimed for life.

MORE LITIGATION OVER DAVIS ESTATE

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Additional legal complications have been found in the long delayed settlement of the estate of Andrew Davis of Bufile, Mont., whose several million dollar worth of mining property has been the subject of litigation in the courts of Massachusetts, Montana, and the United States for more than fifteen years.

The court has not yet decided on a petition for readjustment of the estate among the heirs, on the petition of Ellen S. Corne and Herbert P. Cummings, administrators of the estate of Sarah M. Cummings.

The petitioners have asked the Massachusetts Supreme Court to make the readjustment on the grounds that they received less than they were entitled to and that two other heirs received proportionately larger amounts.

Objection is being made on the part of Robert B. Ingalls of New York, who having been an attorney in the case at one stage of the litigation, Davis was one of the promoters of the Boston and Montana mine.

THREE YEARS FOR MURDER.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 15.—Judge Lea today sentenced W. Y. Ellis, who pleaded guilty to killing M. P. Willis of Indianapolis, to three years in the penitentiary.

Ellis killed Willis on July 27 in the circuit court here at a sensational trial in which Willis was attempting to obtain possession of his little daughter from Mrs. Ellis, his former wife.

SENTENCED FOR FRAUD.
CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Wallace H. Hopkins, formerly a broker, convicted of using the mails to defraud, was sentenced here today to serve four years and three months in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and fined \$1,500. As president of the Wallace H. Hopkins company, Hopkins was charged with defrauding customers out of \$500,000.

TELEPHONE MIGHT HAVE SAVED CAESAR

Julius Caesar missed a great deal in not knowing the telephone, or at least in not using it. If he had done, he can see the telephone engineer attached to the Roman postoffice endeavoring, but without avail, to get an instrument installed at the Capitol and at the Palace. "I am instructed by the Emperor to ask that he do not desire these barbarian novelties, and so Thomas Alva Edison's need not call again with his magician's apparatus. A signal blunder! We can imagine what would have happened. Halloo! Halloo! Halloo! Halloo! Halloo! Halloo! I understand that rang me up this morning. What? Details of a plot? Go not to the Senate today? Beware of Brutus? Go not near Caesar? Right, and I thank thee, Artemidorus. I will have an extra guard put on tonight and the conspirators arrested." And so, although Artemidorus was unable to give his warning in the street, he gave it over the telephone and Caesar's valuable life, and with it the fortune of Rome, was saved from ruin. They Had Thought of It," in the December Strand.

FAMILY RECEIVERS A GOOD SCHEME

The one thing that causes more trouble in the average household than all the other domestic breeders combined is the matter of the cost of living. It makes for differences between fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, servants and tradespeople. In the Press of Sunday there was a story which contained a really great idea as to a solution of this economic and social problem. It was called "Mary Smith, Receiver," and pictured a family of a widowed mother and four vigorous daughters who were always in debt and seemed destined to end their days in that condition. To one of these girls, whose business at one time was concerned with the law, was born the idea of appointing herself receiver of the family's affairs, having all the money earned, and turning over to her for a year, she to assume the burden of the payment of all the debts and to be the general systematizer of the household from cellar to garret. When the year rolled around to close the receiver did not only pulled the family out of debt, but given her mother and sisters the happiest year of their lives.

Simple enough, if we'd only thought of it, might be the average comment on such a proposition. As you know, the way of making an egg stand on end. But the thing for some one in every household to do is to try this receivership plan, or at least apply some feature of it, to the family expenditure. It is the simple application of a system to their daily lives that makes the people of France proverbial for their wealth in the "family stock." And if Mary Smith's philosophy could be taught to the dispensing heads of every household in this broad land of ours, it would not be many years before the family stock of the United States would be heavier than those of France by far. And again, it might be said of those Mary Smiths, George Eliot said of the heroine of "Middlemarch," they never made any great stir in the world but every one who lived in the world after them was the better for their presence in it.—New York Press.

RAILWAY ORDER IS REORGANIZED

Will Have as Officers Only Men Who
Are in Actual Transportation
Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Order of Railway Employees, with an announced membership of over 30,000 on the Pacific Coast, has been reorganized and hereafter will be in charge of railroadmen in actual service.

At a meeting held in the city yesterday, the resignation of F. W. Voigt as supreme superintendent was accepted and new supreme officers were chosen.

Louis H. Ledger of the Santa Fe system was made supreme conductor, Samuel P. Voeltz of the Southern Pacific, supreme treasurer, and A. Lindley of San Francisco, supreme secretary.

These three officers will have charge of the supreme office in this city. The reorganization was effected as a preliminary step in a campaign by which it is planned to bring virtually every railroad man in the western states into membership.

NOT REAL BANDIT WHO SENT LETTERS

Chief of Police Cook Receives Pro-
test from Drug Store
Hold-Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Chief of Police Cook received a letter today asserting that the missives received yesterday, ostensibly from the mysterious bandit who has committed a series of holdups here during the past fortnight, were not genuine and assuring the chief that neither the Police nor the Throat-Cutters would be further attacked from him. The letter, which was mailed last night, was addressed to the chief and was as follows:

"I read in this evening's paper a letter supposed to have been written by me, and I want to say that some one has been trying to have fun with you, as I did not write any such missives. Mr. Ryan need not be afraid of being attacked. Neither does Glendon-Courneen's drug store need to keep watch on my account. I know what I have had enough.—The Heat Drug Store Holdup."

Chief of Police Cook has requested Governor Gillett to offer a reward for the apprehension of the bandit.

CLAIM SWINDLER IS IDENTIFIED

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—In the trial today of Mrs. Maud M. Johnson, accused of obtaining \$500 from the Seattle Electric Company by false pretenses, who is alleged to be a professional damage claimant, John Verron, claim agent of the Oakland, Cal., Traction Company, identified the defendant as Mrs. E. T. Brown, who sent for him on July 4, relative to injury she claimed she had sustained in that city. In the court room here, Mrs. Johnson carried a baby boy which the police say she bought from an incubator company here, but which Mrs. Johnson declares is her own child, born in Kansas City, December 1, 1905.

PROFESSIONAL CRIME IS INCREASING FAST

Crime in general, I would here say, is diminishing, but professional crime is on the increase, and it is this kind of crime which is the most serious danger to the community, as well as the most exact tax upon the police administration.

The comparatively small band of known criminals who are responsible for almost all the serious crimes against property live well. They can name their favorite wine and they can afford a good cigar. A trip to Brighton is an ordinary incident in their easy lives, and a winter visit to Monte Carlo is nothing uncommon. They are responsible for the elaborate frauds and great forgeries and jewel larcenies and the robbing of banks and mail trains and the public.

In fact, the professional is a man who takes good care of himself. He is not out-at-elbow petty thief. He does not work on foggy nights or during prolonged frosts. As a matter of fact, a few causes no anxiety to the Criminal Investigation Department, and a burglary epidemic, like a fever epidemic, flourishes in mild weather.

I know this upsets a popular notion, but it is true all the same. Professional crime, in organized crime, all organizing involves time. Now, professional men, even burglars, do not care to be abroad at night when the thermometer is approximating a Polar temperature.—Sir Robert Anderson in the December Strand.

CRIMINALS HAVE VERY SHORT ARMS

A French scientist, Dr. Perrier, has been investigating the question whether criminals have longer arms than the more law-abiding members of the community—that is to say, to what extent, if any, they approach in length of arm the negro and anthropoid apes. The results obtained are interesting, because they indicate just the opposite to what might have been expected. Dr. Perrier promises that in Europe a normally proportioned man can stretch with arms extended about 3 1/2 inches more than his height. Out of the 855 prisoners at the Nimes prison who were examined, he found 11 per cent could not stretch their own height, i. e., had arms much shorter than usual, in 2 per cent the measurements were the same, and in 86 per cent the arm stretch exceeded the height by from 1 to 3 inches. As to the length of their arms, these also slightly shorter than the normal.

Distinguishing between the different classes of crime some curious results are noted. For instance, vagrants who were put to the test were found to have short arms. Murderers had arms of slightly short or normal length. Those convicted of theft and "moral" crimes approached more nearly to the normal standard, while convicts, on the contrary, were mostly remarkable for very short arms. Other results obtained are equally entertaining, especially the fact which the learned investigator has discovered, that married criminals have more normal proportions than the single rogue. It suggests, possibly, that the single man is a born criminal, while the married man has been forced into crime through circumstances, of which his marriage may be one.—London Globe.

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FOUNTAIN SYRINGES.

Seventy-five cents to \$2.50; fresh stock. Zahner & Colson Drug Co.

BOLIVIANS MAY HAVE KILLED AN AMERICAN

Relatives Very Anxious as
to Reports Concerning
Civil Engineer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A report that William Thomas VanCourt of Omaha, a civil engineer, had been shot in Bolivia, has caused relatives here to ask the State department to investigate the matter.

VanCourt was last heard from in September, 1908, when he was employed by the National Railway of Bolivia in the construction of a line from Oruro to Cochabamba. A letter to his mother in Omaha announced that a strike of employees had been called and that he feared trouble. In an effort to obtain news of his whereabouts, A. G. Norris, chief engineer of the Peruvian Central Railway, was appealed to. Norris, in his letter to Mrs. VanCourt, said:

"I have not seen or heard anything definite about him and a rumor went around that he had been shot, being involved in some trouble in Bolivia. This was denied by other parties at a later date."

Despite the denial, relatives of the missing man are alarmed and in addition to writing the State department, are in communication with American consuls in South America.

NO ILLITERATES VOTED.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Tucson's new educational qualification law was given its initial trial in the municipal election yesterday and the entire illiterate vote was eliminated. There were few challenges, as the threat of prosecution had the effect of keeping away from the polls voters who were not qualified. The entire Democratic city ticket was elected.

MRS. RUIZ LEFT FORTUNE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Mary Agnes Ruiz's jewels were sold at auction yesterday for \$35,000. When she killed herself here on the 10th of last May it was asserted after inquiry that Mrs. Ruiz left \$130,000 in cash, a number of costly gowns and jewelry worth many thousands of dollars. There were sixty-one lots, but only four of them brought more than \$2000 each.

KING LEOPOLD IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The doctors held a consultation at 4 o'clock this morning, but the result is not known. The king had fainting fits in the night, but, notwithstanding this, he is said to have passed a fair night. His condition is regarded as critical.

HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—As the result of a preliminary hearing in the police court today, Frank C. Radcliffe, for many years chief clerk of the land department of the Union Pacific railroad, was held to answer before the Superior court for counts charging felony embezzlement. Bail was fixed at \$1000 on each count.

HIS BAIL FORFEITED.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Failure of Elmer E. Rowell, an attorney charged with having obtained money under false pretenses, to appear in the Superior court today cost his sureties \$5100. His bail was ordered forfeited and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Warren Wilson, Rowell's brother-in-law, had put up \$5000 of the amount. Rowell is accused of having obtained money from two persons through alleged misstatements regarding mines in Arizona and Mexico.

BLUEJACKET WAS DROWNED.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 14.—A dead body dressed in a bluejacket's uniform was recovered from the bay today. It had been in the water for weeks. The corpse is believed to be that of a sailor of the torpedo boat Hottel and he is thought to have been drowned when the fleet was here on its way to Magdalena for practice.

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PIANO BUYERS, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?
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News of Central California

SHOULDER DISJOINTED BY REFRACTORY MULE

Madera Farmer Meets With
Accident While Leading
Animal.

MADERA, Dec. 16.—James Houston, who works on his brother Joe's ranch, a few miles from town, dislocated his left shoulder this morning. He was leading a bunch of mules when one of the animals pulled back unhooking the shoulder at the joint. Houston was brought to town and Dr. Hely put the shoulder in place.

Court Madera, No. 8919, A. O. F., last night elected the following named officers: T. P. Coegrave, C. R.; T. Cregghino, B. C. R.; A. E. Preclado, F. S.; E. P. Bookenoogen, R. S.; Ed. Santa, S. W.; C. Castro, J. W.; L. Crosetti, S. B.; C. Burrell, J. B.; A. Francisco, L. B. Valenzuela and A. Noriega, trustees.

J. H. Hartwell was taken to Fresno this morning to be operated upon for appendicitis. He was taken suddenly ill yesterday.

James Cox was tried before a jury this morning on a charge of battering C. Braheer. The evidence showed that he did not strike the complainant but simply pushed him away after the latter had used obnoxious language to him.

The prosecution in the Mully case is nearing an end and the defense will have an inning tomorrow. The case, robbed of much of the sensational evidence of the former trial, has very little of interest, the prosecution seeking to show by witnesses that Mully's actions at the time of the killing and following it, were those of a guilty man.

The literary branch of the Woman's Improvement Club will meet with Mrs. Miller of Fresno on next Saturday to study the last two acts of "King Lear."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL GIVE CANTATA

"The Coming of the King"
to Be Rendered on Sunday
Evening.

The choir of the First Christian church will welcome in the Christmas tide by giving a sacred cantata on Sunday evening, December 19th, it taking the place of the regular evening service, the hour being changed, however to 8 o'clock. It is given before Christmas so as to give the children something to sing on the Sunday school for their special musical service.

The cantata is "The Coming of the King" and is the work of one of America's greatest sacred composers, Dudley Buck. It is the second of a series called "The Christmas Year" dealing with the birth, ministry and the resurrection and is the finished work of a great composer.

It commenced with an elaborate organ prelude expressive of the verse, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light," introducing the old German carol "Holy Night." After a short soprano solo comes a spirited chorus expressive of the joy of the advent, followed by a beautiful alto solo, "The Virgin's Lullaby." The "Questioning of the Magi" introduces King Herod, who later in a soliloquy resolves upon the slaughter of the innocents and then is heard the lament of Rachel for her children. The cantata closes with a splendid arrangement of "Adeste Fideles" in the latter part of which the congregation join.

The solo voices are: Soprano, Mrs. R. A. Powell; alto, Mrs. E. J. Crawford; tenor, H. F. Hughes; bass, B. Bunde. Mrs. D. A. Leonard will preside at the organ and H. F. Hughes will direct the music.

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WEST PARK MEETING OPPOSING DRAINAGE

WEST PARK, Dec. 16.—A meeting has been called for Friday evening December 17th, at the church of all property owners opposed to the proposed drainage system. The meeting is announced as a business meeting.

There will be no revival services held here this week on account of the unsettled weather.

The Literary Club meets Saturday evening in the school house. A good program will be rendered as usual.

Mrs. Delbert Boothe came down from the mountains last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Price.

H. E. Christopher is visiting relatives in the colony.

GIFFEN IS SOLE BIDDER FOR THE POOLED RAISINS

Offer Is Made for Muscats
Only, Does Not Seek
Others.

Consolidated Packers Refuse to Bid, as Gartenlaub Predicted.

When the hands of the clock reached the hour of 12, yesterday, the time designated for the closing of the raisin pool to all bidders, but one bid had been received, and that was made by L. F. Giffen. The Consolidated packers failed to show up as were expected by Gartenlaub and the company being organized by Druge & Puidlen also failed to make a bid.

Giffen's bid is on the Muscats only, but it is not known what his price is. For the remaining goods no bids were turned over to Giffen. The trustees, however, reserve the right to accept or reject the bid, if it does not come up to their requirements.

For a time yesterday morning it looked as though no bids were to be made at all for the pool, and it was until after 11:30 that Giffen walked in with his bid.

Several people were present as the hour came for the closing of the bids and all were very much interested when the hands of the clock drew near to 12 o'clock and no other bids were put in.

When Thomas Lynch announced that the time for entering bids had expired, he and Giffen left the office of F. M. Childenden and sealed the lone bid.

While nothing has been mentioned in regard to the matter, some startling developments are expected after the bid is opened this afternoon and it is freely predicted that something is going to happen which is not expected by any. Just what these startling developments will be cannot be made public at this time owing to the fact that the bid has not yet been opened.

RELATIVES OF ANDY DUNCAN ARE LOCATED

Remains Held for Instructions;
Was Quartermaster
in 1st Regiment.

Coroner Bean yesterday received a telegram from the relatives of Andrew Jackson Duncan, the laborer who met death by accidental drowning in a quarrying trench on a West Side ranch, asking that he remains be held until further instructions regarding burial are received.

Harry Joseph of the local Spanish-American War Veterans has received word from the adjutant general of Tennessee, stating that Duncan was a quartermaster in the first regiment of Tennessee about seven years ago. It is likely that the funeral services will be under the auspices of the local war veterans. If the relatives of Duncan decide to have the man interred here.

RETURNS FROM TRIP TO CANADA; IN JAIL

John Klum Committed on Charge
Filed November 28, 1908, for
Flagging Wife.

On a suspended sentence of over a year ago, John Klum, a German-Russian, has been arrested and committed to jail yesterday by Deputy Constable Henry Pretzer. The commitment was issued by Judge Graham at the instance of the Fresno County Humane Society on November 28, 1908.

At that time Klum was charged with beating his wife with a heavy chain and a strap. Klum was found guilty and sentenced to six months and in addition a fine of \$50 was imposed.

The court then decided to suspend sentence because the wife did not wish to see her husband go to jail. Immediately thereafter Klum left the city, deserting his wife and family and leaving them penniless.

From Fresno, Klum went to Canada, where he remained for a year. Secretary William Harvey, Sr. of the Fresno County Humane Society kept an eye on Klum, but on account of the tremendous expense attached to sending an officer to Canada to arrest him, the case was not presented. After remaining away a year, which gave him the impression that a misdemeanor could not be enforced after twelve months, Klum returned last Tuesday and resumed cohabitation with his wife.

The commitment was then placed in the hands of the deputy constable and the arrest followed. Klum must now serve six months in the local jail and pay a fine of \$50 in addition.

Met at 11:15 Opera House Parlor. J. and Fresno. J. D. Helvey, Prop.

Dr. May Marks, Osteopath, 147 Forsyth bldg. Main 1240.

KINGSBURG READY FOR INSTITUTE MEET

University Men Announce
Program for Instruction
of Farmers.

KINGSBURG, Dec. 16.—Everything is progressing nicely toward the success of the Farmers' Institute to be held here next Tuesday. A large interest has been awakened among local orchardists, vineyardists and others interested in agricultural pursuits. There is every indication that there will be large attendance. The program begins promptly at 9:30 a. m. and will continue through the day, finishing up with an evening session. The following program has been prepared: "Spraying to Control Pests and Fungus Diseases" and "Planting and Care of the Young Orchard," by Prof. Warren T. Clark; "How to Increase the Yield of Alfalfa," and "The Dairy Herd," Mrs. M. E. Sherman; "How to Make Poultry Pay" and "Marketing the Surplus Product of the Farm," by W. R. McDaniel.

Kingsburg's "Bargain Day" last Saturday again attracted a large crowd of people, and the merchants report a greater amount of business than on the Saturday previous. The fact that two fakers were in town, attracted by the size of the crowd, proves that the Kingsburg business men have at last found a way to bring the crowd to town.

Kingsburg is still in need of a dentist, those who promised to come some time ago having failed to put in an appearance.

The little bungalow at the corner of Ellis and Marion, built for Levi Garrett, has about been completed. Another such a house is to be built by Mr. Garrett, a couple of blocks north of the first one. In fact, the work has already been commenced. According to a man who is in a position to know, there is more building going on in Kingsburg just now than in any other town of the size in the valley.

A. W. Sward has sold out his interest in the business of Carlson & Sward to Eli and Peter Brolin. The transfer takes place January 1st. The Brolins have had an option on Mr. Sward's interest for some months, but it was only recently that they decided to make the purchase. Just what he will do, Mr. Sward does not know, but he expects to take a trip East to look after business interests there, about the first of the year.

J. Edward Danielson and Oscar Bolinder, who conducted business under the firm name of the Kingsburg Implement Company, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Danielson will continue the business. Mr. Bolinder takes the brick building for his interest in the firm. Danielson will sell the rest of the property. Mr. Bolinder does not yet know what he will do.

ELKS' LODGE AFTER J AND KERN CORNER

If the Deal Is Closed Will
Build Hall and Business Block.

For several days it has been reported that Fresno lodge of Elks was negotiating the purchase of the property at the southeast corner of J and Kern streets, as the site for a business block and lodge hall. Members of the order when asked about it when the rumors first got out, said the lodge was merely looking at that corner among others. H. H. Alexander, who is handling the property for the owner, a Mr. Williamson of London, stated that local parties are negotiating for the lot, but would not reveal their identity. According to one report, a deposit has already been paid, and the lodge is awaiting confirmation from Mr. Williamson. According to another report the option is to be taken today. The property is 12x150, and the price is \$30,000.

WORKMAN IS DASHED 40 FEET TO DEATH

Oscar Anderson Falls From
Flume to Rocks Below
at Hume.

Oscar Anderson, an employee of the Hume-Bennett Lumber company, at its logging camp at Hume was dashed 40 feet to his death late Wednesday evening when his feet slipped on a wet board running along the flume, hurling him to the rocks below.

Anderson was picked up unconscious by fellow workmen and rushed to the winter quarters of the men, near the mill. Anderson died a few hours later. Hume is situated in an isolated section of the mountains and the recent heavy fall of snow has blocked the entrance to the lumber camp.

Coroner Bean was notified of the fatal accident yesterday by Deputy Coroner Lieke of Sanger. Lieke left for Hume early yesterday morning and was expected to return at a late hour last night with the remains.

The unfortunate workman was a brother of Ernest and Theodore Anderson of this city. Ernest Anderson is the well known grain buyer and then Anderson is miller for the Sperry Flour company. They will have the remains shipped to Fresno for interment.

ROAD CONVENTION CLOSING.

TREPPKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—There were about 1000 delegates from all sections of the country in attendance today at the closing session of the tenth annual convention of the National Good Roads Association. Addresses were made by the state highway engineers of Minnesota and Missouri, George W. Coley and Curtis Hill, respectively, which gave the fundamental essentials of good road building.

President Arthur C. Jackson of the national association strongly advocated the use of convicts in the construction of roads.

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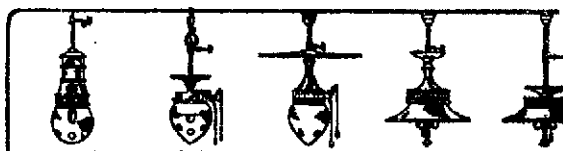
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NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES REMAIN DEADLOCKED—WARD AND BROWN TIED WITH 4 VOTES

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—No president of the National League of baseball clubs was elected by the club owners in a five hours session today. Only one ballot was taken. This resulted in four votes each for John M. Ward and Robert W. Brown, a Louisville magnate, John Heydler, the present incumbent, refused to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for re-election with a view to clearing the air and determining how far the owners of the Philadelphia club, who represents the new owners of the Philadelphia club, would vote.

As was expected, Fogel voted for Ward, who was placed in nomination by Charles H. Ebbetts of Brooklyn and seconded by John T. Brush of New York. The other votes received by Ward were those of the New York, Brooklyn and Chicago clubs.

Brown heretofore has been considered only in the light of a compromise candidate, but he received the votes of Stanley Robinson of St. Louis, Garry Hermann of Cincinnati, Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburgh and John C. Dovey of Boston. After this deadlock, the magnates adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, having done little more than ascertain just how St. Louis and Philadelphia presidents stood.

The deadlock is similar to that of eight years ago, when four clubs desired the election of A. C. Spaulding and four others the continuance of Nicholas E. Young in office. In the end a compromise was reached with the resignation of Nicholas Young. Affairs of the league were then conducted by an executive committee, which may again result from the present situation.

HEYDLER NOT OUT.
John Heydler has by no means withdrawn from the presidential race and his name may be presented later. But, to determine the line-up Heydler told August Hermann, not to press his name today. Supporters for Heydler—Hermann, Dovey and Dreyfus enthusiastically and Robinson passively—were jubilant tonight over the fact that no president was chosen on the first ballot. Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago club, said Friday night that Ward would be elected president on the first ballot. The fact that he was not, was cause for celebration among pro-Heydler men, who maintain that if there is any weakening in the Heydler forces, it will be among the supporters of Ward.

Heydler declined to say tonight whether he will be satisfied to retain his former office, of secretary-treasurer in case the compromise candidate were elected president.

"I have not considered this phase of the situation," he said, in the protracted session today. President Ebbetts of Brooklyn made an impassioned speech against John Johnson, saying that the American League had no right to dictate to the National League that it should not elect Ward as president. But the American magnates, most of whom have started for home after concluding the meeting yesterday, say they will back Johnson to the limit.

New evidence having been presented to the National Commission regarding the attempt to bribe Umpire Klem in October, 1908, when the Chicago and New York teams played the game that decided the championship of the National League, that body will reopen the case. President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals has apologized to Klem for a statement given out in Chicago last fall, saying that the arbitrator "had it in for" the Chicago team and had purposely given it the worst of the decisions. This apology to Klem was insisted on by President Heydler.

SEVERAL BIG TRADES.
The one big trade of the day was negotiated between the New York and St. Louis American League clubs. The deal was for Lou Criger, veteran catcher, and small cash consideration for Pitcher Joe Lake and Outfielder Ray Demmitt.

The Philadelphia Americans sold Gus Helling, a third baseman, who was with Kansas City last season, to the St. Louis American League club. Jack Wagner, the catcher, will manage a club in the Southern Michigan League next season.

Preliminary to the meeting, B. F. Shibe, one of the owners of the Philadelphia Americans, and Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National Club, engaged in a wordy combat in the hotel corridor over an Indianapolis player, whom Shibe claimed he had drafted and Murphy had captured by "unfair means." The argument was becoming heated when friends intervened.

BRUSH IS PRESENT.
For the first time in many years John T. Brush attended a National League meeting. Assisted by friends, he left a sick bed and was present at the meeting room and made known his readiness to fight for the election of Ward for president. When the eight league presidents convened for their session, President Heydler withdrew.

The first ballot for president of the National League developed the expected deadlock. Four votes—Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn and Chicago—were cast for John M. Ward, while Pittsburgh, Boston, St. Louis and Cincinnati voted for re-election of Heydler.

Mr. Brush suggested a compromise candidate, but Ebbetts and Murphy declared against anyone but Ward. Their declaration was followed by a general discussion.

The absence of Stanley Robinson from the early deliberations of the council started a rumor that he had been kidnapped by Heydler's opponents. The latter's friends sent out scouts and Robinson was found and hurried to the meeting before the first ballot was taken.

John M. Ward, in a remarkable statement this afternoon, threw a new light on the contest for the presidency. Mr. Ward said:

"As you know, the first ballot resulted four votes for Heydler and four votes for myself, and I think I am justified in saying that the future ballots will indicate a prearrangement. The second ballot, I believe will result in four votes for myself and four votes for R. W. Brown of Louisville.

"A third ballot will be taken, with the same result and then the magnates will undoubtedly agree to let the election stand over with Heydler still in the presidency, though the league rules provide that an election shall take place at this time. Then the magnates will select three of their members, and this triumvirate will virtually control the organization."

MURPHY APOLOGIZES.
The national committee met and took action on the game between Pittsburgh and Chicago last summer when, following a decision by Umpire Klem, the Chicago's forfeited game and President Murphy verbally assailed the umpire. The commission decided against Murphy, who agreed to make a full public apology.

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FOREIGN WRESTLER LOSES.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Henry Ordman of Minneapolis defeated Zhyssco in a hand-to-hand match tonight. The foreigner had contracted to throw Ordman twice in an hour, but was unable to win a single fall.

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While most persons about the idea of another baseball war, the National League family has a serious row on its hands to settle when the magnates meet in New York, the American League, which also meets in Gotham, being involved. Charles W. Murphy of Chicago, whose name has been mentioned in the recent sale of the Philadelphia club, seeks the defeat of John Heydler, president of the National League, at the election. The former has the support of Brush of New York, Fogel of Philadelphia and Ebbetts of Brooklyn in his scheme to elect John M. Ward. Dreyfus of Pittsburgh, Hermann of Cincinnati and Dovey of Boston are making a determined fight on Heydler's behalf. President Robinson of St. Louis being the only other magnate who has not declared himself for Heydler or Ward. President Johnson of the American League complicates the row by asserting that he will not sit on the National Commission if Heydler is defeated. Murphy is said to be backing Horace Fogel in his purchase of the Philadelphia Nationals and is accused of the double crime of starting syndicate baseball and purchasing a vote to put his candidate in the president's chair of the National League. The chief enemy of Murphy is Ban Johnson, president of the American League. Johnson is a dangerous enemy, because he has the ability of a Morgan in his own line. He says that under no circumstance will he have Ward forced on the National Commission. In fact, he recently stated that the American League would withdraw from the National Commission, that body of three men, composed of the two league presidents and one other, which has held busy all together for the past six years. Johnson is ready to declare war, and many believe that he is in a position to change the map.

CENTURY FOOTBALL "11" LUPE CARRANZA SHYING OF OAKLAND WANTS TO PLAY HERE

AT PROPOSED BOUT WITH HANSON

From all appearances Lupe Carranza, the clever fighter with whom negotiations are being conducted by Eddie Burns of the Coalinga Athletic Club for a fight with Victor Hanson, the local favorite, is unwilling to go against the clever Coalinga boy, says the Coalinga Oil Record. For two weeks Burns has been endeavoring to get Carranza's signature to the articles, but the fighter has imposed a ridiculous demand, which Hanson will not accept. Carranza wants the weight to be 145 pounds two hours before the fight. Hanson does not claim to be able to make this weight and local fight fans do not believe that Carranza can make it either.

Last night in Coalinga Carranza had a battle with a scrapper named Billy Gripp, and the news of a Carranza victory has been received, but the details have not.

Hanson came up from Dudley last night, looking fine and feeling as fit as a 20-year-old. Hanson, who is conducting a hotel in the desert station, has been doing training stunts the past week. He feels fine and looks to be in excellent condition.

The Coalinga boy is naturally disappointed at Carranza's actions. He is anxious to fight the dark skinned scrapper and is willing to agree to any proposition that is not ludicrous. In the event that Carranza cannot be brought to time, Eddie Burns has his eyes out for a substitute. Young Coffey, a good lad, wants to fight in this city, and there is a probability of him landing the fight.

It was originally intended to hold the scrap the afternoon of Christmas day, but owing to the turn affairs have taken, Promoter Burns has postponed it until New Year's afternoon.

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STRANG GOES HALF-MILE IN 12-2-5 SECONDS AT INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—With the avowed purpose of lowering world's records, famous automobile drivers tomorrow will begin a two days' series of speed trials at the Indianapolis motor speedway. The races will start immediately after the dedication of the two and one-half mile course which recently was paved with brick.

Among the drivers entered are Christie, Aitken, Strang, Kincaid and Harrold.

Five events including speed trials for distances of from one-quarter of a mile to 100 miles are scheduled. Several flying racing cars were tried out on the track today. Walter Christie had out his special Christie racer and made several circuits of the track, at one time going a half mile in 15 seconds or at the rate of two miles a minute. Strang in a Fiat did the half mile in 12-2-5 seconds.

SULLIVAN'S SECONDS THROW UP SPONGE

BATIMORE, Dec. 1.—Joe Griger of Denver and Kid Sullivan of Washington met tonight in what was to have been a fifteen-round bout. Sullivan's seconds threw up the sponge before the going sounded for the eleventh round.

MISSOURI "SHOWS 'EM."
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 16.—The football championship of the Atlantic battle ship fleet was won today by the Missouri, when the team from that ship defeated the Kansas eleven by 3 to 0.

AMERICANS LOSE AGAIN.
HAYANA, Dec. 16.—The Alentejares baseball team defeated the Americans today, 3 to 1.

BENNETT IS FOUND.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—After he had eluded for two weeks constables armed with warrants for his arrest on two charges of forgery, Harper E. Bennett, the former real estate dealer whose trial on a charge of wife murder several months ago ended in a disagreement of the jury, surrendered himself in court today. Bennett declared he had been ill in this city with pneumonia. He is accused of having forged names to bills of sale for real estate.

NOTED CROOK KILLED.
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 16.—A man known as Jimmie Burns, who had served terms in penitentiaries at Columbus, Lansing, Kan., and Atlanta, Ga., was shot and killed and a cracker safe, was one of the two men whose bodies were blown to pieces here last night, according to testimony given today before the coroner's jury by Chief of Police H. A. Thompson.

TREASURY BALANCE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows: Trust funds—Gold coin \$375,512,880; silver dollars \$189,208,000; silver certificates outstanding \$189,208,000.

General fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund \$224,755; current liabilities \$111,011,755; working balance in the treasury offices \$25,431,755. In banks to credit of treasurer of the United States \$25,116,500; subsidiary silver coin \$15,201,547; minor coin \$1,021,011; total balance in general fund \$77,606,664.

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OCEAN QUEEN IS DISQUALIFIED AT JUAREZ FROM FIELD OF SPRINTERS

Archibald Does Some Crooked Riding on Favorite in Handicap.

JUAREZ, Dec. 16.—Ocean Queen was disqualified today for fouling Ethel Day in the street race. Ocean Queen was the favorite and cut a fast pace to the start. At the final furling pole Ethel Day began to move up next to the rail but Archibald pulled the favorite over, forcing her to stop. She was then disqualified. Four favorites were successful.

SUMMARY.
First race, seven furlongs—Ethel Day, 100 (Gardner), 5 to 2, won; Whip top, 107 (McCahey), 6 to 1, second; Peckless, 87 (Fleming), 40 to 1, third. Time, 1:30 1-5.

Second race, five furlongs—Make Moleet, 109 (Archibald), 9 to 10, won; Lady Panchita, 99 (Gardner), 4 to 1, second; Dixie Gem, 101 (Gosse), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:02 4-5.

Third race, six furlongs—Joe Ehrlich, 107 (Archibald), 2 to 1, won; Salsado, 101 (Archibald), 11 to 5, second; Ada O. Walker, 107 (Rice), 13 to 5, third. Time, 1:16 2-5.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Seven Fall, 107 (Kannady), 9 to 5, won; Leonard, 108 (Small), 6 to 1, second; Fireball, 104 (Austin), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Virgie Case, 107 (Prendergast), 5 to 2, won; Peckless, 110 (Molesworth), 6 to 1, second; Lord Clinton, 107 (Austin), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:10 1-5.

Sixth race, one mile—Miss Alert, 107 (Warren), 9 to 2, won; Giles, 107 (Molesworth), 5 to 1, second; Buna, 107 (Creery), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.

TODAY'S ENTRIES.
JAUAREZ, Dec. 16.—Entries for tomorrow:

First race, one mile—Gladys Louise, 107; Lindford, Apollonia, 105; Coal-cutter, Wolford, Sensible, Vergea, Plume, Eganway, 102; Star Thistle, 100; Lillian Ray, Little Six, 97.

Second race, six furlongs—High Culture, 108; Delf, 105; The Wolf, Canera, 103; Radiation, 100; Responsible, 93; Kidly Red, 96.

Third race, mile and a sixteen—Henry of Shennemo, McLane, Conterre, Arcourt, Ques, 109; Dulesana, Dr. Nash, The Thir, 104; Bryes, McNally, Light House, 100.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Right Edge, 111; King Rabbit, 107; Earl Tide, 109; W. T. Overton, 100; J. H. Houghton, 90.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Black, Mareanla, 108; Hollow, 103; Bonnie Hayes, Sensible, Black Nal Nigger Baby, Fireball, 102; Posing, Sawyer Brown, Bright Skies, R. G. Smith, 97.

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs—Gold Finn, 112; Matchmont, Beauman, E. M. Fry, 103; Hattie Garrett, 101.

MISSOURI "SHOWS 'EM."
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 16.—The football championship of the Atlantic battle ship fleet was won today by the Missouri, when the team from that ship defeated the Kansas eleven by 3 to 0.

AMERICANS LOSE AGAIN.
HAYANA, Dec. 16.—The Alentejares baseball team defeated the Americans today, 3 to 1.

BENNETT IS FOUND.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—After he had eluded for two weeks constables armed with warrants for his arrest on two charges of forgery, Harper E. Bennett, the former real estate dealer whose trial on a charge of wife murder several months ago ended in a disagreement of the jury, surrendered himself in court today. Bennett declared he had been ill in this city with pneumonia. He is accused of having forged names to bills of sale for real estate.

NOTED CROOK KILLED.
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 16.—A man known as Jimmie Burns, who had served terms in penitentiaries at Columbus, Lansing, Kan., and Atlanta, Ga., was shot and killed and a cracker safe, was one of the two men whose bodies were blown to pieces here last night, according to testimony given today before the coroner's jury by Chief of Police H. A. Thompson.

TREASURY BALANCE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows: Trust funds—Gold coin \$375,512,880; silver dollars \$189,208,000; silver certificates outstanding \$189,208,000.

General fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund \$224,755; current liabilities \$111,011,755; working balance in the treasury offices \$25,431,755. In banks to credit of treasurer of the United States \$25,116,500; subsidiary silver coin \$15,201,547; minor coin \$1,021,011; total balance in general fund \$77,606,664.

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CLLOUD LIGHT WINS FROM FIELD OF SPRINTERS

Fine Weather Draws Huge Crowd; Horses Arrive from Jaurez.

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Cloud Light, with a light impost, won the Platte Handicap at Emeryville today from some of the cleverest sprinters on the coast. Rey Hindoo and Napa Nick ruled about equal favorites at post time. Millions went to the front but Cloud Light caught him before the stretch was reached. She won handsily from Rey Hindoo and Perjucho. Fine weather prevailed and the attendance was large.

SOCIALISTS SEE IN CONCENTRATION OF ALL WEALTH DAWN OF BETTER DAY

Editor Republican:—In your issue of December 15th, you describe what you seem to believe is Socialism, and at the same time describe Democracy as a force fighting Socialism. Socialism can exist only through Democracy. You say Democracy has survived because we believe in and guard it with eternal vigilance. Democracy does not exist. It cannot exist except by the active consent of all the people. Your present system, as you call it, "a political feudalism," exists only by the consent of the people, but it is a passive consent. Socialism, if it ever comes into existence, will have to be by the active consent of the people, and therefore it would be a Democracy.

Socialism, or rather the philosophy of Socialism, aims at the common or government ownership of all the means of production, and that head the government. It is in line with evolution. If the people actively aid this concentration and through the capture of the political or industrial power take these industries over as a common property and operate them, you will have Socialism. Then through the Democratic control, and through that alone, will Socialism continue to exist.

I do not mean to say that we will ever have Socialism or that we will not have Socialism. I see where it is possible to bring Socialism into existence through democracy, and as a member of the working class it seems to me the most desirable system for the whole people. Socialism cannot, as our present system does, benefit the few at the expense of the many, for when it did it would no longer be Socialism, but some other system not based on democracy. Socialism's mainstay is democracy and before we can have Socialism we must have democracy. Thanking you in advance for your time and space, I remain,

J. M. CLARKE
Coalinga, December 14, 1909.

**ONE UNION, ONE CARD,
ONE COMMON ENEMY**

Editor Republican:—In your editorial entitled "Prophecy" you lay down what is purported to be four propositions: First, a millionaire aristocracy (an oligarchy); second, a gigantic trust in which all the people are owners, (social democracy); third, a condition in which a large syndicate of rich owners rule politically and industrially; (an oligarchy); fourth, democracy, which I am going to prove is Socialism.

First a difference. Socialism means the social ownership of all the means of production and distribution. It means that, nothing more or less. The oligarchy is where a few owners control all the industrial machines. Your first and third are simply one.

To make the division of the second and fourth propositions you make the assumption that all the "political" Socialists have made, i. e., that there is a political and an industrial state. This I positively deny, claiming that all questions are "industrial" and that there are absolutely no other questions. To use my much-used phrase "The sole function of any political government is to safeguard the industrial owners in their control." There never was and never can be any other function for a political government.

Today the industrial owners say "where we shall live and how, what we shall eat and where, where we shall work and all the conditions under which we shall work, what we shall say and where we shall say it. Now if you can find one fraction of a "political state" that is not absolutely tied to the "industrial state," then you puncture all of the arguments I ever put out.

Your much-talked-of democracy can never exist without it is industrial democracy, and that is Socialism pure and simple.

Now, Mr. Editor, as I have put your "democracy" where it belongs, we are down to a proposition of either an "iron heel" oligarchy or social democracy, and the question is how are we going to gain the "democracy."

You, along with the political Socialists, will maintain that it can be gained by the "ballot-box" and political scheming, but I have other deductions, i. e., that the sole function of any political government is to safeguard the industrial owners in their control, that there never can be any other functions for a political government, that "we, the workers, control the one thing absolutely necessary to run the industries," our labor power. When we organize the industrial owners in their control, that we will have industrial democracy—and not till then.

It is absolutely necessary that the workers organize on the line that the capitalists have laid down.

We must organize in the shop, recognizing our class interest, with "one union, one card, and one enemy," having for our motto "the abolition of the wage system." When we do this thoroughly we can have the much-talked-of "democracy."

Yours for Industrial Democracy,
W. F. LITTLE
Fresno, December 14, 1909.

**EVERY MAN MUST JOIN
LABOR TRUST TO LIVE**

Editor Republican:—You say in your editorial "Prophecy" that the future belongs to democracy. Hurray! For once I can heartily agree with you. It makes me feel good, it so very seldom happens.

But your reasoning is very shallow. Let us go deeply into this question. What is democracy? The dictionary says that democracy is government by the people. Can we have this unless we have Socialism?

What is the Socialist program? The social ownership and the democratic management of all the means of production and distribution. Can we have the democratic management without the social ownership of industry, can we have a democracy? You know and I know that it is impossible.

You speak of the systematic organization of the trusts and of the labor unions as one of the trusts. And so we may say that it is the trust, the one trust—the big fish that swallows all the little fish, as the big railroad has swallowed up the little railroads. The trust of the future that every man must belong to, if he would live.

This is the trust that will democratically own and control all the other trusts of the world. Or, in other words, the men who do the work of the world will control the industries through organization and education.

Yes, the future certainly looks dark except for one promising ray of light that shines on us. You might almost say a ray shining down to us from the future state of society—the education, the organization and the awakening of the working class to a realizing

sense of their poverty of mind and body, to their lack of manhood and womanhood that they display when they submit to wage-slavery, when they permit without a protest another man to pocket any part of the product of labor that rightly belongs to them.

And this education of the working classes is also evolutionary—an upward movement. And here is another glorious thought, that although some part of the human race may seem not to progress or even to progress backward for a time, yet as a whole the human race is progressing upward and upward toward a higher state of civilization. And nowhere is the present upward progress of the human race more plainly to be seen, at the present time, than in the education and organization of the working people, not alone in America, but all over the whole world. Yesterday and today for aristocracy and kings, oil and sugar and beef. Tomorrow for industrial democracy and true manhood and womanhood.

E. B. HARPER.
Fresno, December 15, 1909.

**STEAMER MANAGERS
RIDICULE REPORT**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—"Pooh pooh" and a shrug of the shoulders is the substance and manner of the reply given today by half a dozen managers of the largest steamship lines to the report of the special commissions that investigated stevedore conditions on trans-Atlantic liners.

"No British line treats or feeds its stevedore passengers badly," said an official of the Anchor line.

"Not of the slightest interest to the Hamburg-American line, said an employee of that company.

William Williams, commissioner of immigration here, said: "It seems to me there is possibly some exaggeration in the published reports."

**PORTOLA QUEEN
MARRIES A GARMAN**

Bridegroom is, However, Hair to an Italian Noble Now in This Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Miss Vergilia Bogue, daughter of Vergil C. Bogue, vice president and chief engineer of the Western Pacific railway, who acted as the Queen of the Portola festival in San Francisco recently, and Carlo L. Baron, son of the Countess Genssari, of Perugia, Italy, were married today at the home of the bride's mother in Fifth avenue.

Carlo Baron will some day succeed to the title of Count of Perugia, but this fact did not deter him some time ago from taking a job on a San Francisco street railway line. Subsequently he gave up his job and returned to Italy. He met Miss Bogue in San Francisco early in January. Mr. and Mrs. Baron will go to Italy.

BANKER PLEADS GUILTY.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—Grayson H. Osborn, defaulting teller of the Huntington National Bank, appeared in the United States court today and pleaded guilty to embezzling \$28,000 from the bank's funds. He was sentenced to six and one-half years in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

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George Arliss a Flesh and Blood Septimus

By GEORGE H. PICARD.
(New York Dramatic Correspondent.)

FORMERLY it was the successful novel, read and approved by the general public—or at least that part of it which finds its solace in fiction—which was transformed eventually into the successful play. Nowadays the rotation seems to have been reversed—first the victorious drama, made popular by a long metropolitan run and confirmed by subsequent prosperity "on the road," and then a novelization of more or less clever literary adaptation which finds its way as a serial into the newspapers. There has been the history of not a few of the notably successful plays of the present decade—for example, "Paid in Full," "The Chorus Lady," "The Gentleman From Mississippi," "Via Wireless," "The Battle," "The Lion and the Mouse" and more recently "Such a Little Queen."

Such is not the history of "Septimus." Now playing at the Hackett theater, among the reading denizens of a planet so submerged with fiction as is ours, who is there that has never heard of W. J. Locke's charming, even bewitching, novel of that name? It is this vast multitude of delighted and grateful readers of "Septimus" that is wondering how its altogether unique and delicious hero can be taken from the pages of a book and landed in all his bewitching entirety on the stage of a theater.

It is a fact, however, that the modern dramatist rushes in where the

legitimate dramatist falls to tread. This is precisely what he has done in the case of "Septimus." Luckily for him, his dramatization has fallen into the hands of an interpreter who, above any other man on the American stage, is qualified to produce the illusion, to furnish a flesh and blood Septimus who is not at variance with the accepted notion of what that delightfully entertaining creation seems to be.

Renounced the Devil.

This does not mean that George Arliss, clever as he is, presents a perfect vraisemblance of the Septimus of Locke's day. It must be said for Mr. Arliss that he came to the part handicapped, as it were, with the strong and lasting impression which he made in "The Devil," his dramatic success of recent seasons. George Arliss' devil had to be excused from the public mind before the gentle Septimus could step in.

This Mr. Arliss did on the first night. Before he had uttered a dozen words, with a wave of the hand and the lift of an eyelid, his Satanic majesty departed and left no trace behind him. There was Septimus—a Septimus delivered of some of his superhuman excellence, but still a Septimus welcome even to the most sophisticated student of that wonderful character, that noble variant of the humankind, still a child at thirty-five who never worries, who did nothing after the conventional method, who found the noisy daytime the best for sleeping, who didn't carry money because he might meet a man



MISS STEVENS AS EMMY.

MR. ARLISS AS SEPTIMUS.

with red hair who would sell him a secondhand engine or a dentist's chair.

There was a tremendous risk in assuming the role of Septimus. There was the danger that in depicting the admirable simplicity of Septimus he would appear as a simpleton. Mr. Arliss never once permitted anything of the kind to take form. Consummate artist that he is, he made it apparent from the first that the simplicity of Septimus was simplicity of soul and not of mind; that he was wise in the way that makes for the best and only unsophisticated in matters that do not enter into the construction of character. He made everybody see and feel that Locke's rare find was the genuine Septimus, something that possibly might be, but never is.

As for the dramatization, it is impossible to grow enthusiastic over it. It is indeed a play of a sort, not an especially bad sort as plays go, but it must be said of it that it is not remarkably like Locke's novel. In the latter the impressive Zora Middleton is exploited as the heroine, but in the play it is little Emmy who comes to the front. Clem Sypher who in the book was made to do and say things which were at least amusing, is of little account transformed into an American.

The Dramatic Narrative.

In the play Septimus appears at the beginning very much interested in his model of a self-acting parrot, which is designed to do away with the nursemaid, thus getting rid of the at-

tendant policeman. The discovery that it is not practical does not discourage him, and he proceeds to evolve other, labor saving devices of similar value. All the action and interest in the play result from the fact that this rare avian of humanity marries Emmy Oldrieve, Zora's young and foolish friend, who has thrown the parental shelter, become a trivial actress and been wronged and deserted by a "rascally actor of her acquaintance." Septimus is the only one to whom she confides her fearful secret, and, moved by her distress and by his love for her, he gives her the protection of his name, with the privilege of securing her freedom by divorce as soon as her troubles are over. He takes his wife abroad, and they stay there, but at different hotels—until the trial is past and all danger of scandal averted.

In the meantime Emmy has fallen violently in love with her husband, but neither gives the slightest intimation of such a condition of affairs. Septimus looks after the welfare of Emmy and her baby in the most scrupulous fashion, develops a great affection for her child, but is blind to the fact that his wife adores him.

edging his inability to procure the divorce, the lawyer tells Septimus of the only way by which he may accomplish what he wishes. According to the English law, an absence of seven years on his part would make him a dead man legally and Emmy would be free. No sacrifice too great for Septimus. Outwardly calm, but inwardly beset with the most violent emotions, he starts to Tierra del Fuego via London. There he learns that he has overdrawn his bank account, but that inconvenience is more than offset by the news that a gun of his invention has been purchased by the admiralty for \$250,000 and a royalty. That does not comfort him, and he proceeds to pack his dressing case.

Where Zora Comes In.

It is at this critical point that Zora becomes of some real use. Emmy and the hapless Septimus to London, who has about concluded to hit it off with Clem Sypher. The keen-witted Zora comprehends the situation without the slightest difficulty and proceeds to straighten out the tangle with amazing dexterity. Emmy confronts

Septimus and in the end convinces him that she has no easy job of it; that she is fond of him. "Tierra del Fuego loses a case." It is Emmy who is everything to Septimus, and Zora might as well be out of the game. The time comes when the heroic husband, mindful of his promise to release the woman he has befriended, stands himself against the promptings of his heart and consults a lawyer on the subject of the divorce. Try as he may, the man of the law cannot find a rational idea on which to institute the proceedings. Acknowled-

ging his inability to procure the divorce, the lawyer tells Septimus of the only way by which he may accomplish what he wishes. According to the English law, an absence of seven years on his part would make him a dead man legally and Emmy would be free.

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town father to his son about to make his first visit to the metropolis is still pertinent—"Don't come home without having seen Trinity church, the Brooklyn bridge and—Lew Fields!"

TIMES CHANGE.

"Strange things are many," said the Greek poet, "and there is nothing stranger than man." First, there is the historic strangeness of the theater as an institution. Not so many years ago it was impossible to produce a play in most theatres without pretending that it was a concert or a part of a natural museum; hence the custom of naming theaters opera houses, museums, as in the case of the famous Boston Museum. It was as a concert that Garrick played "Richard III." at Goodman's fields, sandwiched between the two halves of "a concert of music." And a hundred years ago, and less, Shakespeare was being played as a "burletta"—that is, with sufficient music and singing to satisfy authority that Shakespeare was no dramatist. Today one dare not give a genuine opera in a theater without making it toohomous to the masses by labeling it a musical comedy. And so many a modern work, possessed of a score worthy of the grand opera stage and of a book really as full of humor and story as a legitimate comedy, has to be called by a name it is really superior to—a musical comedy.



MISS RUTH ST. DENIS, AMERICA'S TALENTED AND POETIC ORIENTAL DANCER.

Several years ago this ambitious and clever young American woman made up her mind to become the accredited interpreter of oriental dancing in the occidental world. At the outset she met with many discouragements, but eventually her patience and extraordinary ability won the fight. She has succeeded admirably in acquiring the intricate movements of the Hindoo and Burmese high caste dancers, and her postures and evolutions are instinct with the poetry and charm of the east.

Winter Thoroughbred Horse Racing Now on In Full Swing

E. TOMMY CLARK.
WINTER horse racing, so called, is on in full swing, and from now until the 1st of April the race horse will be a busy creature and the old problem of picking winners will have enthralled many thousands of the followers of the thoroughbreds.

With all the new tracks in operation and the prospects of several old ones opening up, the horsemen are jubilant and figure that it will be only a short time before the sport occupies its old place in the hearts of the public.

At Jacksonville, Fla., where a hundred day meeting is scheduled, there is a good daily attendance. The track at Tampa, Fla., is also drawing well. The meeting in Savannah, Ga., has also been a paying one to meet small owners and jockey club officials. The brand new racing plant at Juarez, Mexico, gives promise of being the winter Mecca of horsemen everywhere for the next few years. The stake program is one of the best ever offered by any racing association in the south. This program is only tentative. It will be enlarged from time to time to meet the exigencies of the game in Mexico. But it does very well. Long after winter racing was an established institution at New Orleans the Crescent City Jockey club offered less attractive programs. The stakes are liberally endowed and calculated to suit the horses Juarez drew from the east and the west.

The sport continues to live in California, but the oral conditions of betting are in vogue, due to last year's passage of an anti-betting bill similar to that of the Agnew-Hart law in New York. Oral betting is new to the patrons of the coast tracks, but it is expected they will become educated up to it as readily as New York did.

According to President Tom Williams, the sixty day meeting in Oakland, Cal., will be a successful one. No purse will be less than \$250, and, if conditions warrant, there will be overnight handicaps of \$1,000 or more. No stake events have been offered, but the Jockey club will be as liberal with horsemen as possible.

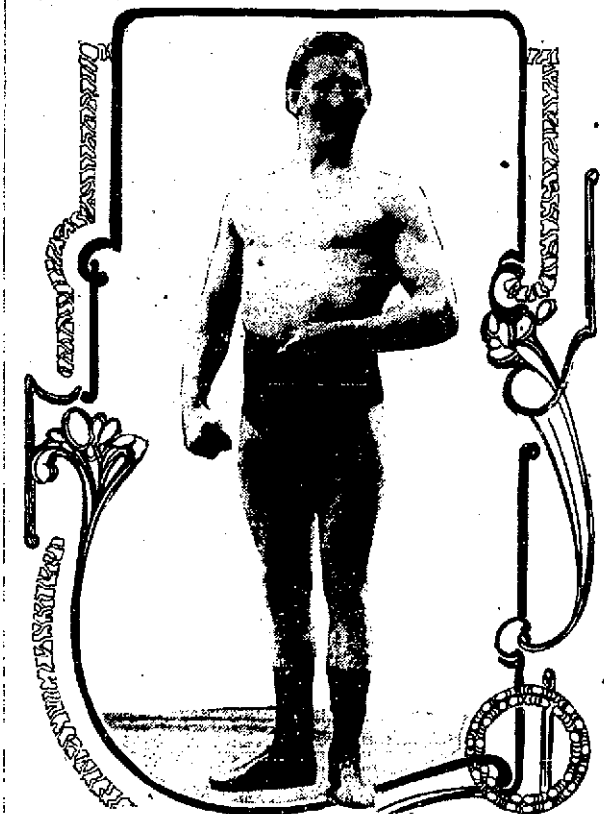
After several ineffectual attempts to stop racing through the medium of the legislature the Criss-Walker anti-racing bill was enacted last winter in California and was signed by the governor. It is a drastic law against pool betting or betting on races and in many ways is similar to the Missouri law, which makes it a felony to engage in bookmaking. The racing interests in California made a strenuous effort to defeat the bill, but were unsuccessful. Messages of this successful California, through tracks at Oakland and Los Angeles, was to the horsemen in winter what New York was in summer. The racing thrived throughout the winter months, and many big stakes and handicaps, including the Burns handicap, were decided.

Baseball War Brewing.
Warm feelings are prompted when the National and American leagues call their meetings Dec. 14 and 15 respec-

tively. New schedules are to be passed upon, trades will be talked of and all other details pertaining to the national game will be attended to. The meeting of the National league promises to be one of the most stormy ones ever held

papers, after all, have something to say in baseball. They and not the magnates protect the game.

Whether or not Murphy has an interest in the Philadelphia club will mean nothing unless this strenuous



ERNEST SIEGFRIED, GERMANY'S GREATEST WRESTLER, WHO WANTS TO TACKLE GOTCH.

by that organization. With the efforts of Charley Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs, to prevent John Heydler from being re-elected president of the National league and the strong opposition he is meeting, besides the intimation of syndicate baseball, the coming meeting promises to be the most interesting that has taken place in many years. Every baseball magnate wants to make as much money as possible, and while a few are young and ambitious, having made a clever purchase of the Chicago Cubs, is especially keen. There is no cause for the public to fear Mr. Murphy. He won't control the National league because the new-

young magnate attempts to stack the cards. Apparently he has stacked them on John Heydler, who, however, says that he has something up his sleeve. Heydler has the press with him, for the simple reason that he has played, written and umpired baseball. Furthermore, he has ably conducted the National league's affairs as president and as secretary to Harry Pulliam for quite a few years.

The only valid reason that Murphy can give for ousting Heydler is because of the National league's great power in his own position and as a member of the National committee. Presumably Murphy thinks he could get along bet-

ter with John M. Ward or the dark horse. When notified that the Baseball Writers' association favored Heydler, C. Murphy laconically answered, "Since when did the baseball writers have a vote in the National league?" Pert, apt and correct. They have not and want none. But they can keep pretty close tabs on one feature of the game, the only feature that interests the public—namely, its honesty. Backed up by their papers, they intend to see fair play.

Many times the different magnates have received letters from fans requesting them to help out the weak clubs by putting with one or two of their stars. For instance, let Wagner go to Boston or Lajoie to Washington for a couple of seasons. Around them they would be built up a strong club, and they would be just a much of a draw, being power as in Pittsburgh or Cleveland.

There are so many objections to this scheme that space fails to print them. But the vital one is that we would then have organized syndicate baseball, the big danger. Baseball is sufficiently a show business now. If a baseball syndicate were able to play its cards like a theatrical syndicate you would have scandal in its time.

No, the salvation in baseball is competition, the life of trade. Baseball is the one real democratic institution we have left. We ridicule the methods and antics of these annual sessions, and they are funny. One moment the magnates are each in a different corner roasting another; again we see them embracing and kissing and shaking hands. There is something boyish and absurd about it all, but each man is out to have a good club. If a Rockefeller, Havemeyer or some cool, shrewd genius got hold of the game and built up a sugar, loaf, meat or tobacco trust, then farewell honest baseball.

AN UNUSUAL PLAY.

The unusual circumstance of a Jewish rabbi preaching about a modern play and comparing it to "Hamlet" has created something of a sensation in New York. The play is Henri Bernstein's "Terror," and the Rabbi is the Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman of Temple Beth-El, one of the largest synagogues in America.

Dr. Schulman saw the play and was so much impressed by its moral significance to both Jews and gentiles and by its extraordinary dramatic power that he made it the subject of his weekly sermon. The scene between Thibault and his mother, the Duchess of Croucy, he says is only comparable to that between Hamlet and his mother. The following extract from his address is perhaps the most intelligent and best expressed criticism of the moral aspects of this great drama that has thus far been evoked. He says:

"This play is not unworthy of the name 'Ismael,' because it is a play of great moral power. It has been suggested that it is impure because it treats of an unwholesome theme. Nothing can be more unjust than such an interpretation. If Hawthorne's 'Scarlet Letter' is not considered an impure book, but rather the greatest piece of fiction in American literature because great art has been put to the service of a great moral ideal and the genius of the literary creator has interpreted the stern ideas of righteousness and purity of thought in a way that this play must also be admitted to be carried by a spirit of great moral earnestness. Rarely does one see the portrayal of such dramatic power of the terrible

consequences of sin as is presented in Bernstein's work."

FRIENDS AT COURT.

It is a most unusual thing for a singer to have the wives of three presidents of the United States personally interested in her voice, but such is the good fortune of Miss Flora Wilson, who is now on an extensive concert tour of the middle west under her own management. The soprano's father, James Wilson, has been secretary of agriculture ever since the department was organized thirteen years ago. As the daughter of a cabinet officer Miss Wilson's position in Washington brought her in close touch with Mrs. McKinley, and from her she received her first great encouragement.

But it is quite probable that it was Mrs. Roosevelt who inspired the talented girl to go abroad to study and to take up music as a profession. Mrs. Roosevelt shares in common with her

she studied for five years with Jenn De Reszke. Mrs. Taft has been a personal friend for almost as long as Mrs. Roosevelt and is as enthusiastic over her voice and her success on her present tour. A telegram from the president's wife was one of the first received by Miss Wilson at her opening concert in Des Moines.

EASY TO BEAT LANGFORD.

So Says Al Kaufman, Frisco Heavyweight—Tells How to Do It.

"Sam Langford was built for me to lick," says Al Kaufman. "He has a short track and is wide open. All he has is a wallop."

"If I should agree to fight him, I'd stand him off and nail him with a straight left every time he came at me. No fighter in the game has a stiffer, harder straight left than I have. As my reach is about six inches longer

"Langford is a demon for about three rounds, but he is getting to be an old man now, and if he fails to get his man in two or three rounds he shuts up like a jackknife."

"I have a longer reach and a stiffer straight left than Jennette, and I can hit harder with my right, and if Jennette could make Langford quit in three rounds I can't possibly see how he could stay six with me."

"Then, too, I am much stronger than Jennette, and if Langford should manage to land one or two in the early rounds, I could take them and come back for more."

"Philadelphia fight fans saw how Langford blows up after a few rounds when he fought Al Kubak there. For about four rounds the things he did to the man from Michigan were a shame. Then he showed up and in the sixth Kubak nearly laid him, though Kubak never was a bear among the first raters."

INTERNATIONAL MEET LIKELY.

Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale May Get Together.

The apparent willingness on the part of the Oxford and Cambridge presidents, Hull and Bollerig, to take part in furthering an Oxford-Cambridge-Harvard-Yale athletic meet in 1910 is likely to help a great deal in the accomplishment of the American desire for such sports. Of course the decision in such matters rests generally with the older heads in the British universities, and it is said, particularly with C. N. Jackson of Oxford. If he is willing that there should be a meeting it undoubtedly will come off. If he doesn't fancy the idea it is likely it will take a deal of pressure to make him change his mind. The eagerness has been all on the American side apparently of late, and last spring's fruitless efforts to bring about a meeting, whether here or on the other side, probably will be recalled by persons both at Harvard and Yale.

TONY ASTE QUILTS TURF.

Racetrack will no doubt be surprised to learn that A. L. Aste, known as "the Bootblack King," has quit the turf after a period of twelve years, during which time he sent many a good thoroughbred to the post. He told an intimate friend recently that he was tired of the racing game and that he would sell his string of sixteen racers as soon as possible.

Aste has decided to retain a slight interest in racing, however, by keeping Gold Lady, now a brood mare, and by sending Jacqueline, his fast filly of last season, to the stud. Mr. Aste first came into prominence by disposing of his speedy two-year-old colt Naturnum to the late W. C. Whitney for the enormous sum of \$50,000.

A GALLERY GOD'S TRIBUTE.

Wreps! Bust! Don't need no third degree. To make me own my eyes have sprung a leak. "Cause every time I hear Fernanda speak I choke right up and go to cryin'. See 'em shakin' their hips at all white folks 'em that a ter n-sollin' down my veins. And me 'boutn' like a big house frank. Ain't naimed to any one that she got no. Ain't naimed to any one that she got no. Of make that make me want to cry. She makes Fernanda does her stunts. I like her a look of me with just a sight. To other girls I love I would be true. But, gee, I like Fernanda Elicul.



DANNY MAHER, AMERICAN JOCKEY WHO RODE ONE HUNDRED WINNERS ON ENGLISH TURF DURING THE SEASON.

husband the love of achievement, and then his, I would build him off with the left on the chin until he blew up, then I'd nail him a few with the right.

"Jennette, the other negro, proved that this is the right way to lick Langford when he made him quit in three rounds in New York. Langford claimed that he had broken his hand, but the Jennette boys said that he quit because Jennette had hit his number."

The Christmas Mutineery

BY LLOYD OSBOURNE

I seemed a queer way of speeding Christmas, but a lonely man, with no home but his hotel and no company save his trunk, is glad of any port in a storm, and thus it was toward the hour of 5 on a snowy afternoon that I found myself in Mrs. Lee-Courtney's Fifth Avenue house. She opened the door for me herself, explaining that there were no servants and that her guests, like herself, had to "do for themselves."

"The servant nature is incapable of accepting new ideas," she said, "so I've packed them all off in order not to add a jarring element to my party."

"They can't get along without Christmas trees and 'God Bless Our Home,' I suppose," I said.

"Oh, they are quite hopeless," said Mrs. Lee-Courtney. "Do tell me what you expect of me." I said as I followed her upstairs. "I'm afraid I've rather dropped out of things—traveling so much, you know, and all that. Christmas used to be quite a fixed institution in the old days."

"It still is, unfortunately," said Mrs. Lee-Courtney. "It's ingrained, like the taste for drink. In me you see a prophet crying in the wilderness to deaf ears."

"The usual audience for reformers," I remarked. "But please tell me more about it, Mrs. Lee-Courtney. You had scarcely got started the other night when we were interrupted."

"Like all great conceptions, it is simple," she said, stopping and turning to me, with one hand on the balustrade. "Everybody admits, of course, that the tenderest memories of life cluster about Christmas. But in time it degenerates into a terrible human melleé, emphasizing the briefness of our days and marking the road to the grave. When we pass thirty the little pleasure we get out of Christmas is far outweighed by the pain. It becomes the anniversary of anniversaries, with happy children tending on our coffin. We dance, too, but with hearts like lead and the shadows filled with the phantom faces of those we've loved and lost."

"If you go on much more I'll cry," I said.

"Cry?" she said. "Of course we'll cry. That's why I brought you here, so that we can cry in company and be frankly miserable. At any rate, we escape the mockery of pretending to be gay and making the welkin ring. In this house there isn't any ring about it, only a cold supper and pleasant empty rooms, where misery can choose company if it wants to or can crawl about on cushions and read the magazines."

"By Jove," I said, "I'm gladder than ever that I was asked!" "I choose my guests with care," said Mrs. Lee-Courtney complacently. "Incorrigible optimists are not invited. I once had a lord who played parlor games and ruined everything. The keynote is a gentle melancholy with tete-a-tetes in corners and the lights burned low."

"I hope you won't forget me next Christmas," I said.

"Sometimes they hold hands," said my hostess.

"Butter and better!" I exclaimed.

"I just get a lot of interesting men and a lot of pretty women," said Mrs. Lee-Courtney, "and then let them alone."

"You're awfully generous," I said. "Might I ask where you come in?"

"Naturally I choose the most interesting man for myself," said she. "There's a good deal of choosing about the whole affair, you know."

"Dare I presume?" I began.

"Oh, I've already made other arrangements," said the pretty widow sweetly.

"Oh, dear!" I said.

"I've already put your affinity on one side for you," she said.

"Oh, have you?" I exclaimed.

"Grace Mountmorris," she said.

She knew she was giving me a facer, and there was a gleam of curiosity in her blue eyes. Women are not only good actors, but they have an undying interest in the play. It took me a moment to recover myself. To think that I was in the same house with Grace; that she was within a few steps of where I stood; that she was waiting for me!

"But, Mrs. Lee-Courtney," I remarked at last, "you said something about being over thirty. Grace—why, Grace is still under twenty-eight. There were nine years between us, you know."

"I am not exigent about the age limit," she said. "All I ask of a woman is fine eyes and a wounded spirit."

"She certainly used to have the first," I said.

"You can apply yourself to consoling the second," said she.

"I feel like a man in a dream," I said. "Grace Mountmorris! And after all these years!"

"Now say Christmas day and become maudlin," said my hostess.

"You spoke in the nick of time," I remarked.

"Come in and see her," said she.

There were a good many people in the room, which was dark save for a roaring log fire. The burraste of the chimney, blended with the murmur of voices, gave one a sense of snugness and congeniality. I stood beside my hostess in uncomfortable suspense while she told a young man somewhat fairly that he was putting too much driftwood on the fire.

"If there's one thing I'm mean about," she said, "it's my driftwood."

The young man showed a proper contrition, but there rose a little tattle-tale chorus, feminine in intonation, to the effect that the half of his iniquities had not yet been told. I pressed my companion's arm and waited, looking about for the face I wanted so much to see and meeting everywhere instead the unresponsive eyes of strangers. Mrs. Lee-Courtney took pity on me and led me through the portieres into the room beyond.

"You cheerfully waited eight years," she said, "and now you can't wait eight seconds."

"If you only knew!" I began.

"Know?" she repeated. "That's why I asked you, of course."

I would have answered her, but the words died in my throat as I perceived Grace herself in a window seat leaning back against the cushions. She uttered a little cry as she saw me, and I ran forward and caught her outstretched hands.

"Grace!" I said. "Grace!"

"I have explained everything to Mr. Harrold," said Mrs. Lee-Courtney calmly, "and if he gets Christmassy you're to cry for help."

"Oh, I'll try to make him behave," said Grace. Her contralto voice as she said this thrilled on my ears with a thousand recollections.

"Now I must chase up my interesting man," said Mrs. Lee-Courtney. "I saw that little Vandermore poaching him, and he didn't seem trying real hard to help himself. But Roger Snow belongs to me, and the woman that borrows him borrows trouble!" With this farewell defiance Mrs. Lee-Courtney fluttered off, adding something about supper at 7 as she passed through the portieres and out of sight.

I settled myself beside Grace, and for a moment or two neither of us spoke.

"Come nearer the light, Grace," I said at last. "Let me read your face and learn something of the kind of woman you've grown into." She moved back into the shadow instead, with protest in every line of her body.

"I am getting old, Evan," she said. "I am twenty-eight, and a woman's youth is soon spent. You will expect to see me as I was—and you won't."

"It's not so dark that I cannot see you are as beautiful as ever," I said.

"I am afraid of you," she returned. "See how cold my hand is, how it trembles, Evan. It's like a meeting of ghosts."

"The ghosts of our dead selves," I said. "Yes, that's what we are, Grace, questioning each other about our dead lives and that other world we used to live in."

"Hundreds and hundreds of years ago," she said.

"And you never married Charrington," I said.

"I couldn't," she answered. "It would have been wicked to marry him and not—love him, Evan."



"I SUPPOSE THAT WAS WHY I LIKED HER."

"It was two years before I heard you hadn't," I said. "Then it was all so settled and assured. I was building an electric road to Vladivostok when the news drifted out to me."

"What did you think, Evan?" she asked.

"Think?" I repeated. "Oh, I hardly know what I thought. It made me devilish miserable too. I waited for you to write to me, but you didn't."

"What did you expect me to write?" she said—"My Dear Evan—I am free now. Please come back and marry me. Sincerely yours, Grace Mountmorris."

"I did expect something of the kind," I said.

"How stupid of you!" she said.

"I mean just a word to show that you still cared," I said.

"I thought that you'd write to me," she returned. "I left my address at the cable office on the chance of your calling. Oh, how I waited and waited!"

"I threw up everything and came home," I said.

"Yes, and never came near me," she broke out.

"Nelly Stacpole told me you were engaged to Henry Hartnell," I said, "and I went straight back to the Orient."

"And you believed her?" she cried. "Oh, how dare people invent such lies!"

"How was I to know it was a lie?" I said.

"Couldn't you have guessed?" she said.

"She said she knew," I returned.

"You ought to have been the one to know," she said.

"It was reasonable enough," I said. "Hartnell was your father's right hand man. And to be fair to me you must remember your better answered the two letters I wrote to you before I first left America."

"I did answer them," she said.

"I sprang from my seat."

"Grace," I said solemnly, "I did not receive them!"

She laughed merrily. "I did not say I sent them, Evan," she said. "I put them in the fire."

"And you have the audacity to reproach me!" I exclaimed.

"Well, it's all over now," she said. "We broke our hearts once. Don't let us hammer the pieces we have got left."

"So Charrington married afterward?" I said.

"Yes," she returned.

"Well?" I asked.

"Money, at any rate," she said.

"I've never seen him since, you know," I said.

"I don't suppose you have," she returned. "It couldn't be very enjoyable for either of you. When you invite your best friend down to meet your fiancée, and the best friend falls dead in love with your fiancée, and the fiancée makes a perfect fool of herself about the best friend, and everybody sees it but your good, loyal, honest self!"

"I think you might spare me that," I said.

"I included myself, Evan," she said.

"Yet we were cowards not to face it out," I said. "We have wasted our lives for nothing. We sacrificed ourselves for nothing. The modern book of martyrs is filled with the names of fools, Grace. The wise take what they want, and the Charringtons go off and marry somebody else."

"And leave the martyrs out in the cold," she said.

"We can never recall those years, Grace," I said—"those empty, empty years." I caught her hand and kissed it. "It's not too late, Grace," I said. "We've been robbed of that. Don't let us be robbed of everything." She drew away her hand.

"I have always loved you, Grace," I went on. "There's never

been a day when I haven't thought of you. It was for your sake I never married, Grace."

"Evan," she said, and her voice as she spoke was breathless and trembling, "you must promise me on your word of honor not to ask me to—to!"

"What do you mean?" I exclaimed.

"I want you to promise," she said.

"I won't do anything of the kind," I said. "I don't understand you at all. What do you ask me that for?"

"If you don't promise you'll never see me again," she said. "I'll go back to the others. I'll make an excuse and slip away."

"How long is the promise to last?" I inquired.

"A year," she returned. "Yes or no, Evan?"

"I think it is perfectly monstrous," I said. "You haven't any right to ask such a thing. We've thrown away eight years, and now I must promise in the dark to throw away another."

"Promise!" she repeated and with such a little ring of insistence and resolution that I could not but give way.

"All right, then. I'll promise," I said.

"On your word of honor, mind," she said. "Just as you'd give it to a man and keep it, Evan?"

"Now perhaps you might tell me what it all means?" I said.

"Evan," she returned, "one cannot stand still for eight years. A man never seems to learn that about a woman he has once loved. It comes back, no matter how long after, glowing with bygone sentiments and bygone memories and expects to take up things where he left off. That's what you are doing."

"Yes," I said. "That's what I am doing."

"But I'm not that person at all," she said. "I'm somebody else. Somebody that you don't know in the least."

"I shouldn't have suspected it," I said.

"Of course I may be less clever," she went on. "In eight years you gain as well as lose, I suppose, but I don't want you to say things that it may be hard afterward to unsay."

"You want to protect me from myself," I said.

"Don't let's act like sentimental fools," she returned, "and wind up with a sentimental debauché."

"What's a debauché?" I asked.

"A disaster; a smash," she said.

"Is it not possible sometimes to be overscrupulous?" I said.

"Better that than a false position," she remarked.

"You make me feel that I must have altered considerably myself," I said.

"Can you have any doubt about that?" she demanded.

"I mean for the worse," I said—"that I've disappointed you; that I have gone away, too; that you expected a fairy prince with ringlets and pink cheeks and are thunderstruck to find nothing but a middle-aged American engineer, worn by the world and not a little weary."

She drew imperceptibly closer to me, the subtlest of caresses.

"I haven't told you the truth," she said. "I haven't."

"Is it so awful?" I said.

"It's not you I'm protecting; it's myself," she said. "I want to be wise for both of us. I want to save you from perhaps making a terrible mistake—and—from breaking my heart."

"You haven't any concern about mine," I remarked.

"We're going to change the conversation," she said. "There's too much loose powder lying about for us to drop sparks."

"I want to set off the whole thing sky high," I said.

"Let go my hand," she said, "and then tell me how you find New York after the Orient."

"It's still here," I said. "I haven't had time to notice much else."

"Tell me about your life out there," she said, "what it was like, the women you met—what you did, you know."

"I started in with Bangkok," I said, "put up a trolley line and left for Pula Penang. Put up a trolley line and left for Hong Kong. Put up a trolley line and left for Woboe. Put up a trolley line and left for—"

"Oh, stop!" she cried.

"You began it," I said.

"But I meant between whites," she said.

"Oh, that was local beer principally," I said.

"But I want to know about the women," she said.

"There weren't many women," I said.

"But I want to know all about those there were," she persisted.

"What do you call knowing all about them?" I said.

"Whether you cared for any of them."

"I thought a heap of one girl," I said.

"Then tell me about her," she said.

"Oh, she died," I said.

"Did you like her as much as you liked me?" she asked.

"Almost," I said.

"I don't think I want to know any more, then," she said.

"You had given me up," I said. "You never wrote. You knew no right to blame me."

"I'm not blaming you," she said. "I'm sorry; that's all."

"She used to remind me of you," I said. "I suppose that was why I liked her."

"Evan," she said, "this subject is getting as bad as the other. Let's try and be perfectly ordinary and harmless."

"I have always been that," I returned.

"I mean avoiding intimate things altogether," she explained.

"Don't let's talk of ourselves any more. Let's be general."

"You give me a start, then," I said.

"How do you like the new way of celebrating Christmas?" she asked.

"It depends a lot on who shares your window seat," I said.

"Evan, be general," she said.

"I believe I like the old way best," I remarked, "the holly, the mistletoe, the pail crackers—all the fun and noise and laughter and merry-making—the presents, the whoops of joy, the lighted trees, the shilly balls, the drip of pink grease on excited children. Why, I wouldn't change it for worlds. This is an abomination. This isn't Christmas at all. It may be up to date and smart and all that, but I resent it down to my boots."

"It's certainly not like Christmas," she said.

"Grace," I said, "it's not. That's what it is—rot! And devilish affected rot too. When we are married—"

"Evan, your promise," she interrupted.

"I mean next Christmas in our little flat"—I began.

"Your promise!"

"It won't be like this anyway, will it?"

I don't know what she answered, because at this moment a young man rose darkly before us and whispered my companion's name.

"What do you want, Eric?" asked Grace, apparently not overjoyed at the interruption.

"Are you fellows ripe for revolution?" he inquired.

"It depends who revolutes and for what," I said.

"There's a restless feeling in the mob that this is no Christmas at all," said Eric.

"Just what I was telling Miss Mountmorris myself," I said.

"They are throwing up barricades," said Eric, "and the proletariat has risk."

"Haven't you better go and help them?" I suggested.

"And leave you in the dark with the prettiest woman in the room while we raise the flag of freedom?" he cried.

"What do you want us to do?" I asked.

"Rally," he replied.

"Be a little more specific," I said.

"I am charged by the secret central committee to request you to rally at the sound of the tocsin," he explained. "A tin trumpet will be blown three times. At the third toot everybody is to rush in and yell 'Merry Christmas' at the top of his voice."

"Does Mrs. Lee-Courtney know about it?" asked Grace.

"Know? Of course she doesn't know," ejaculated Eric.

"You mustn't hurt her feelings," said Grace.

"There are more important things in the world than feelings," said Eric. "People who take liberties with Christmas are trifling with the heartstrings of humanity. We're going to have a real Christmas in this house if we have to walk through bed-lin to get it!"

"Sit down and tell us about it," said Grace. "After we all cry 'Merry Christmas' what's going to happen next?"

"Haven't time," said Eric. "The train's laid. Reports are made every five minutes to the secret central committee, who sit in continuous session. I must ask you to be initiated at once."

"Initiated?" I said.

"That's always part of a conspiracy," said Eric, producing a small, soggy bit of plum cake.

"I didn't know you had to eat things!" exclaimed Grace.

"It's symbolic," said Eric.

"Wish you had a fresher looking piece," I said.

"If you only knew the trouble we have taken to get it," said Eric. "But, of course, you don't know and never will. Charley hunked it out of a kid in Forty-second street."

"I don't believe I care to conspire," I said.

"Perhaps you'd rather be boiled in oil and the pieces hung to the wolves," said Eric.

"I almost believe I should," I said.

"Hitting on your wolverine," said Grace.

"Oh, come along and be a good fellow," pleaded Eric. "It's part of the game, you know. You really must do it." He forced a bit of cake on each of us as he spoke.

"I wonder if I'll ever see happy Bantong again," I remarked as I swallowed mine. Grace took hers in silence. You could have heard a pin drop. You don't get good plum cake in Forty-second street.

"In there any initiatory ice water?" Grace asked.

"No," returned Eric, "but you take this piece of holly and draw it slowly across your heart, saying 'O. F. C.'"

"I suppose that stands for 'orfully fearful cake,'" I said.

"Old fashioned Christmas," explained Eric. "You ought to be ashamed to be so stupid before a lady."

Grace took the holly and performed the rite. She handed it to me, and I did the same. Eric beamed a sigh of relief and put the branch back into his pocket. He was turning to leave us when Grace caught him by the arm.

"Oh, tell us something more about it," she said.

"By Jove," said Eric, "we found everybody sick of this hiding in the dark and crazy for a real Christmas. Liversedge went scotching to the Waldorf for plum pudding. Phipps and Lane raised a slim social in Third Avenue for mistletoe and crackers. Mrs. Santley's chauffeur knew a place where we could get a walloping 'Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men.' Porteous started off in his whiz cart to get holly or die. Maybe you think the committee hasn't worked."

"They're laid up treasure in heaven," said Grace.

"Not to speak of a possible rumpus on earth," I added.

"Well, it's done now," said Eric, not without a trace of uneasiness. "Don't forget the signal," he went on. "Three blasts of a kid's trumpet." And with that he departed with an apprehensive gleam.

"I hope he won't get us into a mess," said Grace. "It would be terrible if she were really offended."

"It serves her right for trying to cheat us out of Christmas," I said.

"I thought you liked sitting with me here alone," said Grace.

SAFE-CRACKERS ROB NATIONAL BANK OF EXETER, SECURING \$7,000

Five Explosions Fail to Arouse Citizens and Bold Robbers Escape With Plunder in Stolen Rig; \$500 Reward Offered.

VISALLA, Dec. 16.—Up to this morning no substantial clue that it is believed will lead to the immediate capture of the robbers who early this morning blew open the vault of and looted the National Bank of Exeter, has been brought to light. The wires have been kept hot by Sheriff Collins today and it is possible that the men, if they have fled from this section, may be picked up by police elsewhere. All trains locally are being closely watched.

The robbery was one of the boldest and the robbers got away with one of the biggest hauls ever made in this section. Cunningly planned by men who knew the art of safe cracking, the job was smoothly and thoroughly carried out. The cash secured totals close to \$7000.

A rather remarkable thing is that although there were five explosions, some of them following quickly, and others at intervals of a minute or two, they failed to arouse any of the nearby residents to the extent of attempting to interfere with the designs of the safe-breakers.

Half the town heard the detonations and the half lay down to sleep again after convincing itself that it was nothing of any consequence. A few took enough interest to go to doors and windows, and of these, a woman, who did so, saw two or three men fleeing along the street from the vicinity of the bank. A man, who sleeps in his restaurant, almost across the street, stood in his door when one of the explosions occurred, after having been aroused by previous detonations. The noise, which came with a rattling sound, appeared to him to be a long way off and he, too, returned to rest.

Constable Griggs and wife, who reside within two blocks of the bank, heard the explosion and, Mrs. Griggs went to a window to listen. Hearing an engine blow off steam they concluded the explosion, were "torpedoes" and also went back to sleep. It was not until 7 o'clock this morning, when clerks went to open stores and business establishments, that plate glass from the bank windows scattered over the sidewalk, told them that something had happened. E. J. Norcross, president, and Fred Norcross, cashier of the bank, who reside on the southern limits of town, were notified and a hurried examination disclosed that the vault and strong box had been broken into and the greater part of the funds stolen. The vault door and the vault itself were a wreck, but the bank proper, except for the breaking of the window and the dislodging of plaster, was not badly damaged.

SHERIFF NOTIFIED. Hastily, word was sent to the sheriff's office in this city and Sheriff Collins was on the scene in a short time. Prior to his arrival another discovery had been made, that of the fact that a horse and buggy belonging to James Kirk, recent proprietor of the Exeter hotel and prominent merchant, had been stolen from the barn in the year

silver certificates; total about \$6,800.00. The bank has offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of one or more of the robbers and 10 per cent of all or any of the money recovered.

LITTLE COIN IN BANK. The robbery occurred at just the time of the year when, on account of tax payments, funds have flowed from banks to county treasury, leaving only a moderate surplus in the banks. For this reason only a comparatively small amount was in the Exeter bank vault.

The first act of Sheriff Collins of Tulare county was to notify all the sheriffs and police officers of adjoining counties. Among those notified over the long distance telephone were Sheriff Chittenden of Fresno and the local police station. Sheriff Chittenden immediately ordered that all trains should be watched and a thorough search of the outlying districts was made. No trace of the bank robbers could be found, although several suspicious characters were seen. No arrests were made.

WORK OF PROFESSIONALS. "The work was that of professionals, beyond the slightest doubt," stated Sheriff Chittenden last night. "The men that turned that trick knew what they were doing and they are the most difficult criminals on earth to apprehend. Any officer will tell you that. This class of burglar goes well dressed, unless he does old clothes to work around the vault with dirty tools. Undoubtedly the Exeter job was turned by men who have worked on the case for days, perhaps weeks. They planned every little detail carefully and well. When the opportune moment came, they did the job and escaped without detection. They were many miles away before the robbery was discovered."

"In my opinion it was the same class if not the same parties that blew open the safe in Gottschalk's department store of this city last Christmas. I think it would be a splendid idea for the business men of Fresno to engage watchmen for their places of business from now until after the holidays. Money should be banked on the day before Christmas. None should be left in over Saturday and Sunday."

HARD TO CAPTURE. "It is absolutely necessary that the merchants should co-operate with the officers in guarding their vaults. We cannot cope with these professional cracksmen. Very few of them are captured in any part of the United States. They work under cover of darkness and are out of the county before the robbery is discovered. They seldom leave tangible clues behind."

"For instance, at Exeter the strong hammer and other tools, stolen from a nearby blacksmith shop, were left lying on the bank floor, as the robbers had no further use for them. They take nothing with them but the coin as they don't want to be arrested with nitro-glycerine or burglar's tools on them. The heavy hammer is used to knock the combination lock off. The men will be hard to catch, but we are putting forward every effort to land them behind bars."

SUSPECT NOT THE MAN. At 1 o'clock this morning Deputy Sheriff Griggs of Tulare county arrived in Fresno and went immediately to the jail. After taking a look at Kallhoff, he declared that he was not the man wanted, although he had seen him around Exeter for several weeks. Accordingly Kallhoff will not be held in jail longer than 10 o'clock this morning when he will be taken to police court on a charge of drunkenness. A flatter will probably be handed to him.

Deputy Griggs will remain in Fresno all day today searching for a tangible clue to the whereabouts of the bank robbers. The Tulare county officers are of the belief that the robbers came to Fresno and may be hiding here.

SUSPECT ARRESTED HERE. At a late hour last night Patrolmen Goshing and Machen arrested a man giving his name as Paul Kallhoff on suspicion that he is one of the bold safe crackers who blew open the Exeter National Bank safe early yesterday morning.

Kallhoff answers the description of one of the men as sent out by Sheriff Collins of Tulare county. The suspect was taken into custody in Chinatown in company with O. Rivas, a Mexican. Both were under the influence of liquor, the Mexican claiming that Kallhoff got him drunk on alcohol.

Rivas said he captured Kallhoff, telling him that he (the Mexican) was broke. Kallhoff is said to have replied: "I've got a lot of money. I'll get you something to drink."

Kallhoff then disappeared, but returned a few minutes later with a bottle of alcohol. The Mexican began to drink and was almost "down and out" when the two police officers were in sight and took both into custody. However, Kallhoff had been under suspicion for several minutes, the patrolmen noticing the shabbiness of the general appearance of the suspect with the description sent out from Exeter.

ANSWERS DESCRIPTION. This description follows: Five feet 10 inches or 6 feet in height; when last seen was wearing dark clothes; brown, wavy hair; but no facial features; is smooth shaven. Kallhoff answers this description to the letter. Word was immediately sent to Exeter and it was announced that an officer would be sent by Sheriff Collins to Fresno on the early morning train.

It appears that an Exeter woman looked out of her window and saw a man answering the above description immediately after she heard the five muffled explosions in the direction of the bank corner. However, the best evidence against the suspect is that a few days ago he is said to have told a man at the Exeter depot, "It would be an easy matter to 'blow' the bank and get away without the officers getting wise."

At any rate, Kallhoff will be held pending further investigation. He had a few dollars in his pockets when searched at the county jail.

OAKLAND REALTY MEN TO BE INVITED HERE

Committee Is Appointed By F. J. Haber to Extend Invitation.

W. L. Chappell, Thomas M. Anton and S. H. Lucas have been appointed by F. J. Haber, president of the Fresno Realty Board, a committee to invite Mayor Rouse and the real estate men of Oakland to visit this city some time next month. The day to be selected by the guests. The appointment was in accordance with a resolution passed at the weekly luncheon of the Realty Board held last Wednesday. An earnest effort will be made to secure a special excursion from the northern city and a special program will be prepared by the committee, including a banquet.

One of the reasons for the extension of this invitation to the Oakland real estate men is to get ideas on advertising. Oakland has been doing a great deal of systematic advertising during the past two years and much good has resulted.

FRESNO AVENUE CARS MEET IN HEAVY FOG

One Man Slightly Injured By Flying Glass; Damage Is Not Great.

Through alleged failure on the part of the outboard crew of a Fresno avenue street car to wait at a point where the double tracks merge into one, a collision between the outboard and an inbound car at the corner of Main and Fresno streets yesterday morning, causing the heavy fog which had settled down over the city, the crashes were unable to see one another until it was too late.

Although there were four passengers on the inbound car, but one, John Giff, a painter, was injured. He was cut about the face by flying glass but did not receive any serious injuries. The remainder of the passengers escaped unhurt.

The cars were considerably damaged by the impact and traffic was delayed for about an hour while the wrecked cars were being hauled away.

The outboard car was in charge of Motorman N. G. Crowley and Conductor J. E. Bree, while the crew of the inbound car were Motorman M. Nichols and Conductor G. L. Norris.

WU TO VISIT EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. The new Chinese minister, Chang Yiu Tung, with his daughter, and a suite of fifty Chinese, including a dozen students, arrived in Washington today and was met at the station by Minister Wu and the full legation staff.

Wu expects to leave Washington with his family Monday for New York to sail on the Lusitania for Europe, where he will remain for several months before returning to China.

NOW IS THE TIME

To buy your Xmas Cards and books at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

Here For Christmas

Ebony handled Reading Glasses.
Pearl handled Reading Glasses.
Magnifiers.
Telescopes.
Thermometers.
Eyeglass Chains.
Field Glasses.
Auto Goggles.

J. M. Crawford & Co.
1225 J ST. FRESNO, CALIF.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE CEMETERY

Owners of Plots to Commence Movement to Better Grounds.

Because of the generally deplorable condition in which Mountain View cemetery is in at the present time, owing to the lack of proper attention on the part of those in charge, Charles Chambers, on behalf of the Park Camp Union of the city, has sent out a number of letters to parties owning property in the cemetery, asking and soliciting their support in a general movement for the betterment of the grounds. Several responses have been received, among those answering being Mrs. E. E. Cook, Mrs. H. C. Warner, and Mrs. Sherman. All those who have replied have expressed their unqualified approval of the movement.

The poor manner in which this cemetery has been maintained has been the cause of a great deal of comment but thus far no definite steps have been taken toward securing any improvement.

With the beginning of this movement on the part of Chambers, however, it is expected that something will shortly be done.

In order to improve the driveway in the cemetery, Charles Chambers stated yesterday that they of the Park Camp Union will be secured free of charge from Gooding's park, where excavations are to be made for a big lake. The park commissioners will use this clay to improve the roads in this park and Chambers stated yesterday that sufficient clay to cover all the roads in the cemetery would be donated.

DEATH OF WILLIAM EDE

William Ede, a well-known resident of Fresno, died at his home, No. 824 L street, last night, in his 77th year. He was a member of the G. A. R. and the funeral will be conducted by that organization. Mr. Ede was a native of England. He had lived here for seven years.

We Give Away

ALL of our profits up to Christmas on the following goods:

- 1,000 Pictures, from 15c to \$20
- Prices just half value
- 100 Footstools, the cutest you ever saw, for 50c
- Roman Stools, covered in all kinds of fine goods \$1.25
- A \$9.00 Weathered Oak Table for only \$5.00
- An \$8.50 Weathered Oak Arm Chair only \$5.00
- An \$11.00 Ladies' Desk, made of all oak \$7.50
- Child's Desk and Chair, in oak, well made \$7.50
- Weathered Oak Rocker, the \$6.50 kind for \$4.00
- Magazine Stand, made of solid oak \$4.00
- A \$16.50 French Made Brass Lamp \$10.00
- A \$22.50 French Made Brass Lamp \$12.50
- A \$30.00 French Made Brass Lamp \$17.50
- A \$17.50 Solid Oak Morris Chair \$10.85

This is an article you do not want to miss.

\$3.00 Solid Oak Pedestals, now only \$1.75

\$1.25 Solid Oak Costumer, for hats and coats 85c

A Brass Doll Bed for the Children, only 50c

A Folding Go-Cart for Dolly, only 75c

And many more goods too numerous to mention are sold for Christmas at cost. We are positively the Cheapest House and will guarantee everything. Come early as it takes time to polish furniture.

Wormser Furniture Co.

1022-1028 J STREET FRESNO

FREIGHTS PAID TO ALL POINTS

DOLLS, TOYS, BOOKS AND GAMES

In the Basement Toy Store You'll Find the Best-Selected Line in Fresno

25c KID BODY DOLLS 18c
Moving eyes, colored stockings, light or dark hair, selected faces.

75c KID BODY DOLL 55c
Measures 17 inches in height, moving eyes, light and dark hair.

25c TOY PIANO 15c
Schonhut's 8 key musical scales piano.

BELTS AT 50c EACH
An elaborate display. Most of them worth 75c. They come in jet, leather, elastic in the most desirable colors.

Fowne's Gloves
for Gifts or a Gift Certificate will solve the Glove Problem. Two Button Gloves \$1.00 Black, gray, white and tan. Other Fine Gloves \$1.25 to \$2.50

KUTNER'S

EXTRA GIFT SPECIALS
\$9.50 Women's Umbrellas \$8.85
Made of a heavy silk cloth on an all steel frame; with fancy gold plate and sterling silver handles.

TODAY'S GROCERY EXTRAS.
H. K. Crab, can 25c
Bull Brand, 1 lb 20c
Unexcelled Rice, 5 lbs. 40c
Our Special Roast Coffee, per 1 lb. 25c
25c Bottles Wilson's Lemon Extract, bottle 15c
We Sell Pure Costa Flour.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT OFFERS HUNDREDS OF SUGGESTIONS FOR GIFTS

A B C BOOKS 5c
Friends in Fur.
Dicky Birds.
Kindergarten A B C.
Daisy Dell Farm.
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS 10c
A B C, Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Ten Little Jingle Chaps.
LINEN BOOKS 5c AND 10c
Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Tiny Toes, Mother Goose Rhymes.
PUDDY BOOKS 4c
Little Nemo, Buster Brown, Foxy Grumps, Maud, all this season's.
BILLY WHISKERS 80c

LITTLE WOMEN 98c
Large edition, illustrated, best chance to get them at 98c.
\$1.50 BEN HUR \$1.35
Boyle's Games 98c
\$1.50 Bella Donna \$1.35
Story of the Other Wise Man 50c
Perfect Tribute 60c
Christmas Letter 40c
Daisy Wedding 40c
Ozma of Oz \$1.25
Road to Oz \$1.25
The Teddy Bears 98c
Uncle Ignatius and Brother Rabbit 98c
The Twins 60c
Jack Frost 60c

SILK WAISTS 4.95
Many pretty styles that will make splendid gifts are offered to you in the garment department.

KUTNER'S

NECKWEAR FOR MEN 25c.
Selected styles in a large range of colors.
CHOICE FOUR-IN-HANDS 50c.
High grade silks in hundreds of styles, plain colors, 25 shades, fancy patterns in endless array.
NOVELTY SILK NECKWEAR 75c and \$1.00.
Fine quality silks.

Willow Ostrich Plumes
ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE
Each one put up in an attractive holiday box; each one now marked at least a fourth less than usual \$12.50 to \$35.00 now \$8.95 to \$24.95

Fans For Xmas Gifts Are Quite Appropriate
Gauze fans with fancy painted flowers 25c each
Gauze fans with fancy painted sticks and with painted flowers and spangle 75c each
Gauze fans with ivory carved sticks, painted and with laced edge \$1.00 each
Gauze fans, carved ivory sticks, inset with spangles and painted \$2.00 each

Sterling Silverware
High Grade Without High Prices

Items at 25c
Tooth Brush
Nail Brush
Shoe Horn
Paper Cutter
Cuticle Knives
Wax Sealer

Items \$1.00
Selskows
Saucer Spoons
Stamp Boxes
Hat Brushes
Whisk Broom
Powder Shakers

HANDKERCHIEFS for the Holidays
Madeira, Hand Embroidered, Novelty Colored Effects; Scallop, the Highly-stitched Linen or Cotton; Machine Embroidery Lace Edged, Lace Trimmed, Initial Handkerchiefs for men and women; Hand or Machine Embroidered on Linen or Cotton. Children's fancy boxed handkerchiefs; plain linen printed or initial only and ten dozen boxes. Plain handkerchiefs of pure Irish linen, French hand-woven linen. All qualities for men, women and children.

5c to \$2.50

Dresden Silk Petticoats \$4.95
High grade Dresden or Flannel Taffeta with deep flounce and cotton underluffs.

Children's Fur Sets \$1.50
White and Brown Cooney Sets, heart with muff and cord.

Moyen Age Dresses \$14.95
New and stylish one-piece dresses of serge and diagonal in a splendid range of styles.

New Fur Turbans \$5.95
Palmatta trimmed of nice black or brown fur with velvet facing.

Ostrich Plumes a Holiday Sale \$8.95
We are showing a beautiful line of willow plumes, the product of a famous New York maker, put up in fancy boxes \$8.95 up

Flannelette Robes \$1.98
Long robes of fancy patterned flannelette, satin bound, shirred waist line; full cut.